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'America won't be allowed to dictate policy'

Iran threatens to raid US targets

MANAMA, Bahrain, May 2, (UPI): Iran, responding to President Reagan's decision to extend US naval protection to neutral shipping in the Gulf, issued a veiled threat to expand terrorist activities beyond the Gulf region, Western diplomats said.

Iran said it would not allow the United States to dictate its policy in the Gulf, and warned that future "encounters" after recent US-Iranian naval clashes in the strategic waterway could spill over into other parts of the world.

Difficult

Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told an opening session of the newly elected body yesterday that "the US administration is taking Americans toward another Vietnam."

Rafsanjani's remarks constituted a thinly veiled threat to extend terrorist activities against US and other Western targets outside the Gulf region.

"The US decision to extend protection to neutral shipping makes it extremely difficult now for Iran to risk attacks" against merchant vessels in the Gulf, said one diplomat who requested anonymity. "One way they can respond is to use surrogates around the world to attack US targets."

Rafsanjani said Reagan's decision to extend protection to neutral shipping would sink the United States deeper into the Gulf "swamp."

Convoy

The Iranian Parliament speaker, who is also spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini's personal representative on Iran's Supreme Defence Council, accused Reagan of making "a hasty and dangerous decision" because of "the approaching end of his political life."

Gulf, Iran reported. "It is naïve on the part of the US to fancy that Iran will not answer it on the battlefield if it opens," Mousavi was quoted as saying.

The Reagan administration began re-registering tankers last summer after a series of attacks on merchant shipping in the Gulf. The 27th convoy of US flag tankers this year passed safely out of the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz this morning, a US central command spokesman said.

The spokesman said the destroyer Merrill and the guided missile frigate John H. Sides escorted the 47,000-ton US flag tanker Gas King through the Strait at 7 am (0400 GMT) today.

He said the US military sealift ship MV Rover and the US-owned and flagged tanker MV Monarch also were members of the convoy. Tension between Tehran and Washington has been escalating since a suspected Iranian mine blew a hole in the hull of the USS Samuel B. Roberts last month, wounding 10 American sailors. US forces retaliated by attacking two Iranian oil platforms in

the Gulf on April 18, sparking a series of clashes in which six Iranian vessels were sunk or damaged, and a US Cobra helicopter gunship with two crewmen aboard was shot down. Diplomats said Iran was suffering serious shortages of volunteers for the warfront, and this may have facilitated a surprise Iraqi offensive last month.

The 36-hour Iraqi offensive ended in Baghdad's successful recapture of the southern Iraq strategic Faw peninsula from Iran after two years.

Talks

In Abu Dhabi, acting Iranian foreign minister had talks about the situation in the Gulf with UAE officials yesterday.

The Iranian envoy last night met UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan. The UAE protested to Tehran after Iranian gunboats attacked an offshore UAE oilfield during the naval battle between the US and Iran.

The New York Times reported that Iraq has successfully test-fired a new surface-to-surface missile with a range of 360 miles.



The US missile frigate John H. Sides guards a convoy of US flag tankers in the Gulf as they head towards the Strait of Hormuz. (Reuters wirephoto)

21 killed in Jammu hospital collapse

SRINAGAR, India, May 2, (Agencies): A children's hospital collapsed in the north Indian city of Jammu, killing at least 21 people — many of them young patients — the institution's superintendent said.

The hospital superintendent, who gave his name only as Dr Manhas, said 21 bodies had been recovered so far.

Manhas, reached by telephone from Srinagar, said he believed no more than 30 people died in the collapse, well short of the feared 150 deaths reported by unofficial sources.

Patients

The doctor said he did not know how many people might remain buried in the debris of the three-storey government hospital, but he said there were only 66 patients inside.

Manhas said 50 children had been rescued, all critically injured.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported from Jammu, however, there were 200 patients and an unknown number of staff in the hospital where the upper part of the building collapsed and crashed through the first floor.

But, Abdul Rashid Khan, deputy inspector of police in Jammu said about 500 people — mostly children and their parents — were in the medical facility at the time of the collapse.

Khan said most of the people were quickly rescued by the hospital staff. He added that doctors and nurses began evacuating the hospital when they saw cracks appear in the walls of the second

floor of the building.

Khan said the unoccupied top floor, which had been completed six days ago as an extension to the 30-year-old building, then collapsed causing sections of the roof to cave in onto the second floor. The first floor was unaffected, he said.

Khan said it appeared inferior building materials used in constructing the third storey and recent heavy rains contributed to the collapse.

Rescue

Earlier, Sushma Chowdhury, the divisional commissioner of Jammu, said seven bodies had been recovered but that he feared the death toll could be "very large."

Soldiers joined police and firefighters to claw through piles of debris to reach the trapped survivors.

Jammu and Kashmir state Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah flew to Jammu, the state's winter capital, to supervise the operation personally.

Thousands of onlookers thronged to the accident site many volunteering to help in the rescue operations involving cranes and earthmoving machinery.

The incident sparked a work stoppage and protests throughout the city, the state winter capital. The PTI said demonstrators shouted slogans that the government had failed to "protect the lives of the children," but the agency reported that the protests were incidental.

Moscow, Washington prevented move

India planned to attack Pakistan

NEW DELHI, May 2, (UPI): India planned to attack Pakistan and destroy alleged training bases for Sikh militants near the border. But pressure from the United States and Soviet Union prevented the move, the Sunday Mail reported.

An Indian government spokesman said the report "has some authority."

The spokesman declined to give further comment on account that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on April 19 dropped the invasion plans after a telephone call from an unidentified Western diplomat.

A Pakistani official, who requested he not be identified, disagreed with the story in the weekly newspaper.

"I do not visualise such a thing happening," the Pakistani official said. "There has recently been a lot of diplomatic activity, but we have not seen any evidence of military preparations on the ground."

Claim

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence in 1947, and an escalation of tensions in February 1987 nearly led to a fourth.

New Delhi claims Islamabad is training and arming Sikh separatists in Punjab, and in recent weeks the accusations have become more fervent mostly due to increased killings by militants armed with assault rifles reportedly sold by Afghan rebels based in Pakistan. Islamabad denies any involvement in Punjab.

The Sunday Mail said during the first three weeks of April, Indian troops were moved into forward positions along the border areas in northern Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir states, ready for staging "Operation Avert."

It said the plan involved a high-

ting attack over the frontier to some three miles (five km) inside Pakistan, where troops of the Indian military — the world's fourth largest — would try to destroy the alleged training camps before rapidly withdrawing.

The report said 150,000 troops and an armoured brigade had been selected for the task at various points along the frontier, but said the "attack corps" had not been summoned and remained in their garrisons.

A source with contacts in the military confirmed that the 11th Corp based in Punjab have in recent weeks been placed on a "defensive combat footing," involving cancellation of leave and distribution of arms and ammunition.

The source said this stage of readiness was enough for a small operation, but there was no sign of any larger massing of armour and artillery that would be required for any full-fledged move to crush Islamabad's forces.

The Sunday Mail said Rajiv on April 19, after returning from Vietnam and Japan where he briefed leaders on Pakistan's alleged abetment of the extremists, received the "abrupt and unscheduled" telephone call from the diplomat and, and some "same advice" from Washington and Moscow.

The next day Rajiv in Parliament made a conciliatory speech on Indo-Pakistan relations, leading to a reactivation of disconnected "hotlines" between the rival nations, and on April 21, his first conversation for nearly three months with Pakistan's President Zia-ul-Haq.

The home secretaries of both nations are scheduled to hold talks on the downslide in bilateral relations in New Delhi on May 13.



General Vishwanath Sharma takes a salute of the guards, after taking over as the 16th chief of Indian Armed Forces. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Most undersecretaries have no degrees

THE Performance Evaluation Committee for Administrative Development and Upgrading Programme has found that 56 per cent of Kuwait's undersecretaries have held the same job for over 15 years and 71 per cent for over 10 years. The committee has also found that 85 per cent of them do not hold university degrees.

The committee said that there was an absence of creative planning among administration in government departments because some people holding

Egypt won't attack Libya

CAIRO, May 2, (Agencies): Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak has said that Egypt has no intention of attacking Libya and is ready to open the borders between the two countries provided there is reciprocal confidence.

In a speech on May Day yesterday, Mubarak said that Egypt has kept contacts with the PLO to coordinate and adopt a unified Arab stand.

He said that the US has responded to Egypt's peace effort by despatching its secretary of state to the region. He added the Soviet Union is also showing a flexible and positive stand towards the Mideast peace process.

However, Mubarak said, the peace effort has met with Israel's rejection which made the endeavour fruitless.

New drug burns off fat

LONDON, May 2, (Kuna): An exciting new drug that helps slimmers "burn off" unwanted fat has been successfully used in the UK, it has been reported here.

And if it passes further rigorous tests, the "fat-vanisher" could revolutionise dieting in future, according to British experts.

Volunteers were delighted to see the scale dropping soon after starting a course of the tablets.

By the end of the 18-week pilot trial at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Scotland, they had lost an average of just under 11 kilograms.

The drug, BRL, works by spreading up the metabolic rate so the body turns the excess fat into heat.

Among the other benefits of the substance was that it promoted a swift and steady rate of weight loss from the first week to the last, the experts added.

But they pointed out that it should be used with a "calorie-controlled diet."

Curfew imposed on Karachi suburb

KARACHI, May 2, (Reuters): Pakistani troops with orders to shoot on sight imposed a curfew today in a Karachi suburb where five people were killed in weekend rioting, police said.

"Curfew violators will be shot," an announcement, over a loudspeaker fitted on an Army truck, said.

Police said authorities had ordered the troops to shoot the curfew violators on sight.

A middle-aged woman was killed yesterday when two ethnic groups exchanged gunfire and hurled rocks at each other in the volatile Orangi area of Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city.

Injured

Doctors said at least 18 injured people, some with pellet wounds, were taken to hospital after the riots between Pashtuns from north-western Pakistan and Mohajir immigrants from other parts of former British India.

"Troops carrying sub-machine-guns on heavy Army trucks announced the curfew with loudspeakers," witnesses who managed to come out of the areas told reporters.

"The authorities have done the right thing to stop a blood-bath," Abdul Haq, a garment factory worker, said.

Troops set up barricades and blocked roads to separate war-

ring factions, they said. "Stay in your homes. Don't come out on the roads," a soldier patrolling a poor neighbourhood shouted.

Firemen said the rioters set ablaze shops and vehicles and rained stones down on police and firemen in Orangi, where in 1986 more than 185 people were killed in a day of rioting, the country's worst.

Raid

The latest riots, set off after two motorcycle riders were killed in a road accident, have so far cost the lives of five people and injured at least 50 since Friday, doctors said.

Witnesses said the rioters took a turn for the worse yesterday when people attacked a police station and fired at officers in an attempt to free what they said were innocent people.

Police used teargas to disperse the rioting crowd, mostly mohajir, and arrested an undisclosed number of people.

Mother stabs 5

NEW DELHI, May 2, (Reuters): A mother stabbed to death four of her children and wounded a fifth after a row with her husband yesterday, the Press Trust of India said.

Palestinian weekly closed down

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 2, (Agencies): Israel closed a Palestinian weekly today, charging that it was funded by terror groups.

A Palestinian teenager died after being electrocuted while trying to hang a Palestinian flag from a utility pole near the West Bank city of Nablus, the Army said today.

The Interior Ministry shut down the East Jerusalem-based Al Awdah, a weekly published in both English and Arabic, determining it was "a tool for terror organisations," according to ministry spokeswoman Tova Elinson.

The closure order was

delivered today to the magazine editor Ibrahim Kareem, who also heads Al Awdah's sister publication, the Palestine Press Service.

The Press Service was a key source of information on the occupied territories before it was shut down for six months on March 30. It has since maintained contacts with foreign journalists.

Yesterday, the Army suspended an officer in command of soldiers who killed an Arab stone-thrower, and 13 Palestinians were injured in scattered clashes with Israeli troops throughout the occupied territories.

The protests broke out as Palestinians responded to a call

by underground leaders to hold a "day of confrontation with Israeli troops."

In the most serious incident, troops shot and killed a 22-year-old Palestinian in the village of Fakua near Jenin, 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of Jerusalem.

The officer heading the patrol has been suspended from duty until the Army finishes investigating the incident, an Army spokesman said. He refused to elaborate, but Israel radio said the soldiers may not have been justified in opening fire.

The shooting brought the Palestinian death toll in the uprising to 169. An Israeli teenager and one soldier have also died.

Security tightened after killing of UK servicemen

AMSTERDAM, May 2, (Reuters): Dutch authorities tightened security today to prevent further attacks in the wake of the slaying of three British servicemen by the Irish Republican Army.

Police searched for clues but said they had no indication yet as to how many attackers were involved and what weapons and explosives they used.

In the southern Dutch town of Roermond, where a British servicemen's car was riddled with

bullets yesterday, police spokesman Harry Claibbers said: "They came from nowhere and vanished in thin air."

He said three servicemen wounded in the attacks remained in intensive care in local hospitals.

The three men killed were identified by the British Defence Ministry as Ian Skinner, 20, who was machine-gunned in Roermond, and John Miller Reid, 22, and John Baxter, 21, who were blown to bits in their car in Nie-

uwbergen.

All three were senior airmen in the Royal Air Force regiment which guards air bases. They were visiting Dutch discotheques and bars just across the border, which stay open later than German ones.

Measures to increase security were taken in utmost secrecy amid apparent fears the IRA might be eyeing more targets in the Netherlands after their hit-and-run strikes on British soldiers relaxing off duty.

US arms sales

NEW YORK, May 2, (Reuters): The Reagan administration has told Congress it intends to increase arms sales abroad by 25 per cent, the New York Times said today.

Quoting a confidential report by the State Department, the newspaper said the administration hopes for sales worth more than \$15 billion to 33 countries in the current fiscal year.

DAY BY DAY

EID is quickly approaching and this is a good time for Gulf residents to visit each other. Many residents would like to visit their relatives in other Gulf countries and are looking for easy transportation arrangements.

Gulf airlines should increase the number of their flights between the Gulf states during Eid in order to meet the demands of travellers.

Embassies in the region should also show some flexibility in granting visas to Gulf expatriates, especially those who have relatives in other Gulf states.

These considerations are important because we would like to encourage more travel between Gulf states.

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INTERNATIONAL

Maronite bishop murdered

12 killed in Beirut violence

BEIRUT, May 2, (AP): Shell blasts and staccato outbursts of gunfire shook Beirut today as police reported 12 people killed and 35 wounded in factional fighting in Palestinian refugee camps and neighbouring Muslim slums.

Meanwhile, the Synod of Maronite Catholic Bishops met in an emergency session at the Birkat, residence of the community's patriarch, to probe the kidnapping and murder of Monsignor Albert Khreish, 53, head of the Maronite spiritual affairs court.

The meeting was chaired by the patriarch, Nasrallah Sleir.

The Maronites, which number about 850,000 are the largest Christian community in Lebanon.

Kidnap
Police said Khreish's bullet-riddled body was found by a bird hunter in a pine tree forest near the mountain resort town of Ghazir in Lebanon's Christian heartland on Sunday.

Gunmen had kidnapped the priest from his home in Jounieh, a Christian port north of Beirut, on April 26. He was still in his

pyjamas when the hunter found the body.

Khreish was the nephew of Cardinal Mar Antonios Buiros Khreish, the Maronites' former patriarch.

Police said there were scars of physical torture on Khreish's face and his body was riddled with at least 30 bullets.

They had no immediate indication as to the motive behind his abduction and murder in an area controlled by the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia.

Battle
Christian informants, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the victim's sister is the wife of the elder brother of Nayef Hawatme, a Palestinian leader who heads the Moscow-oriented Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

"But no one can ascertain whether this has anything to do with the murder," one informant said.

The Lebanese Forces militia is a bitter enemy of the Palestinians, who fought alongside Muslims in Lebanon's 13-year-old civil war.

At the same time, rival Palestinian groups traded mortar rounds, grenades and heavy machinegun fire at Beirut's Shatila refugee camp today after overnight battles killed two people and wounded 20, Palestinian sources said.

The sound of explosions rocked the capital as commandos loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group and Abu Musa's pro-Syrian dissident group Al-Intifada (uprising) fired rocket-propelled grenades and lobbed mortar rounds at each other.

The deaths were the first since fighting erupted on Saturday and the latest clashes brought to 27 the number of people wounded.

Dispute
Witnesses said Palestinian residents took advantage of an early morning lull to flee the shabby camp while ambulances raced in and out evacuating the wounded to nearby hospitals. The fighting later restarted.

Palestinian sources said the attacks were triggered by a personal dispute between members of the two factions.

The sources said a committee of various factions held intensive talks to contain the clashes, the worst in the camp since Syrian troops in January stopped a three-year-old "camp war" between commandos and militiamen.

Arafat ended a five-year-long rift with Syria last Monday when he met President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus.

Clash

Ten other people were killed and 20 wounded in night-long fighting between two Shiite Muslim clans in south Beirut's slums of Raml El Aali, or high sands, and Roweisse, police said.

Police said fighters of the Arafat and Awad clans were battling for local domination in the two districts that abut Beirut's airport highway near Bourj El-Barajneh camp.

Justice Minister Nabih Berri's Amal militia moved in after midnight to disengage the combatants and enforce a ceasefire.

An Amal communique ordered both clans to lay down arms and withdraw from the streets, warning that violators would be shot on sight.



A plainclothes policeman sprays a hand-held teargas dispenser and beats him with a rubber truncheon during May Day riots. (Reuters wirephoto)

New US chocolate doesn't melt in heat

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 2, (AP): A new chocolate that won't melt in 90-degree F (32-degree C) temperatures has been developed in the high-technology kitchens of the Columbus-based Battelle Memorial Institute, spokesman said.

Food technologists at Battelle's laboratory in Geneva, Switzerland, are licensing rights to the new chocolate formula to a Swiss chocolate manufacturer, said a Battelle spokesman. "Chocolate should melt in your mouth at approximately 37 degrees Celsius (98.6 degrees Fahrenheit) but it should not melt or become fluid at outside temperatures at the same level," he said.

The development would be a boon to candy distributors, who cannot deliver chocolate during warm weather without expensive refrigerated trucks, and it could keep chocolate sales steady through the summer and in hot-weather areas.

Vollerin said consumers should not notice any difference in appearance or taste.

There's no secret ingredient other than "some traces of natural compounds," Vollerin said. "It's the way we put them in. That's the secret."

The process has been patented and licensed to a Japanese company, and negotiations are under way for the licensing of US and European rights, Vollerin said.

If all goes well, test marketing could begin next year, he said. Geneva's food technology programme also has developed new cookie-baking techniques that spare heat-sensitive fillings such as fresh fruit, nuts or chocolate chips, he said.

Seoul shake-up

SEOUL, May 2, (AP): President Roh Tae-woo replaced the head of the governing party with a moderate today and indicated he would try to work with the opposition after a major election setback.

Roh nominated Yoo Gil-jung, 71, as chairman of the Democratic Justice Party as part of a shake-up after the party failed to retain its majority in the National Assembly in the April 26 elections.

Polish workers seek talks with minister

WARSAW, May 2, (Reuters): Striking steelworkers led by Solidarity activists at Poland's biggest industrial plant have appealed to the communist government's economic overlord to come and talk to them.

In a letter to Deputy Prime Minister Zdzislaw Sadowski, the strikers at the Lenin Mill at Nowa Huta near Krakow said the management was incompetent to resolve their problems. "We appeal to you, Mr Chairman, to come to Nowa Huta ... we ask you to treat this letter as urgent," they said.

Sadowski is chairman of the State Planning Commission and architect of the government's economic reforms, which include drastic price rises that set off the current round of labour unrest in Poland.

Release

The release on Monday of the strikers' letter coincided with a day of action to back the strikers called by Lech Walesa, leader of the outlawed Solidarity Union. There were no immediate reports of unusual activities by Solidarity activists around Poland.

A strike leader said by telephone from Krakow that the letter

was sent to Warsaw by telegram yesterday night. Government officials were not immediately available to confirm its receipt.

It accused management of dragging its feet in implementing Sadowski's reforms and asked him to come and discuss a wide range of problems.

The strikers said the Mill's outdated technology was a danger to the Krakow environment and the plant was locally nicknamed "the poisoner."

Collapse

Walesa's call, amid May Day violence in at least eight cities, followed the collapse on Saturday of a second Solidarity-led strike at the Stalowa Wola Steel Mill where workers quickly accepted a promised pay rise.

The Krakow strikers appeared increasingly isolated as the stoppage entered its second week with management refusing talks and authorities apparently intent on waiting them out.

Walesa called for Solidarity actions in shipyards, ports and factories. He spoke at a rally in the northern city of Gdansk that was followed by stone-throwing street battles between police and young militants.

Bangladesh rebels kill 24 settlers

RANGAMATI, May 2, (Reuters): Tribal guerrillas seeking autonomy in southern Bangladesh machine-gunned to death at least 24 settlers yesterday night, raising to 47 the number of Muslims killed in under two weeks, officials said.

They said some bodies were found in the rubble of houses burned down when Shanti Bahini (Peace Force) rebels attacked 20 settlers' hamlets in Manikchhari sub-district in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

At least 10 people were wounded in the attack, only three miles (five km) from the Indian border.

Insurgency

Officials said the rebels came from across the jungle frontier and sprayed their victims, including women and children, with bullets.

"People are very frightened by the spate of guerrilla attacks. Virtually they have no defence against the raiders," one villager told police.

The Shantis, made up of mos-

tly Chakma tribesmen, began their insurgency in 1973 after the government turned down their demand for autonomy for the 5,500-square-mile (14,200-sq-km) Hill Tracts bordering India and Burma.

They also want 300,000 Bengali-speaking settlers expelled from the area.

According to official figures, nearly 1,400 soldiers, guerrillas and settlers have been killed in the 15-year-old insurgency, which has also forced thousands of tribes people to flee to the north-east India state of Tripura.

Muslims

Hill Tracts officials said the recent attacks were designed to trigger animosity between tribespeople and settlers that would frustrate government efforts to restore peace in the area.

A joint committee of tribal people and Muslims on Saturday urged Hill Tracts residents not to be misled by Shanti Bahini "propaganda and provocations."

Cargo door helped save passengers

KAHULUI, Hawaii, May 2, (Reuters): The 93 survivors of the Aloha Airlines flight that lost a large part of its fuselage in flight owe their lives partly to a cargo door staying in place, an investigator said last night.

The door, below the 18-foot (5.4 metre) long upper section of the passenger cabin that was torn away, helped hold the plane together until the pilot made an emergency landing at Kahului, on the island of Maui, Joseph Nall, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board, said.

"The door added rigidity to the fuselage," he told a news conference. "A member of the investigating team said it was remarkable the hull held together, given the serious damage."

The 19-year-old Boeing 737-200 was carrying 89 passengers and a crew of five when the plane was torn open during an Hawaiian island-hopping flight last Thursday. A flight attendant was swept out of the plane to her death and 59 passengers were hurt, two seriously.

Passengers lined up to shake the hand of pilot Robert Schornstheimer after he had landed the plane.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Promotions

MANILA, May 2, (UPI): President Corason Aquino today ordered her generals "to make their presence felt" among troops in the field and said henceforth promotions will be based on combat experience.

Speaking at the 52nd anniversary of the Philippine Air Force, Aquino also repeated her earlier pledge to improve the condition and fighting capability of the 159,000-member armed forces.

Aquino said she had ordered the decentralisation of the military by dismantling regional commands.

Humane offer

NOUMEA, New Caledonia, May 2, (AP): Three rightist elected officials offered today to change places with 23 hostages held by Melanesian militants, but the main separatist group ridiculed the proposal.

Dick Ukeiwe, who represents New Caledonia in the French Senate, said he and two members of the national assembly, Jacques Laffleur and Maurice Nenou, wished to "take the place of the hostages to bring an end to their ordeal and to assume fully our responsibilities."

May Day rally

BERLIN, May 2, (UPI): Police used tear gas and nightsticks to disperse several hundred youths who rampaged through a West Berlin working class district after a May Day rally until early today.

A police spokesman said 134 people were arrested and 53 policemen injured by firebombs, stones and bottles in fighting that began at about 8 pm Sunday and ended at about 5 am today in the American sector's Borough of Kreuzberg.

Hunger strike

ATHENS, May 2, (Reuters): A Greek conscientious objector on hunger strike for 70 days ended his protest last night in a military hospital after the Ministry of Defence said it would reconsider his case, government sources said today.

Michalis Marangakis, 30, was taken to the intensive care unit with heart problems last week from a military prison in the outskirts of Athens where he was serving a jail term of two years and two months for refusing to serve in the army.

Test-tube baby

JAKARTA, May 2, (Reuters): Indonesia's first test-tube baby was born by Caesarian operation today and both mother and the child are well, hospital officials said.

The 38-year-old mother gave birth to a boy after one of her embryos was impregnated with sperm from her husband in a laboratory testtube.

Jumps to death

NEW YORK, May 2, (Reuters): A senior aide to a Maryland congressman died in an apparent suicide yesterday after plummeting from the 24th floor of a New York luxury hotel, police said.

Tom Pappas, an aide to conservative Democrat Roy Dyson, was the focus of an article in the Washington Post's Sunday edition that said he exercised unusual control over Dyson's young male employees, restricting their social lives and ordering one to perform a striptease at an office retreat.

Bush slips in poll

NEW YORK, May 2, (AP): Vice President George Bush's popularity has been slipping while his most likely rival voters a favourable view by voters, according to a poll published in a news magazine.

In a poll of 1,075 voters conducted for Time magazine on April 20 and 21, 47 per cent of registered voters said they had a favourable impression of the vice president, compared with 43 per cent, who said their impression was unfavourable.

Shortest river

LINCOLN CITY, Oregon, May 2, (UPI): A civil engineer, prompted to action by Montana youngsters' claims that the Roe river is the shortest in the world, surveyed the D river in Lincoln City, Oregon, and concluded that it should retain world-class status.

Civil engineer Gene Ginther said a sense of civic duty prompted him to begin his weeklong project after residents became irked at the notion that their river could lose its distinction as the world's shortest.

Air disaster

NEW YORK, May 2, (UPI): An aerial sightseeing tour in the skies over Manhattan turned into a disaster as a helicopter plunged into the frigid East River, killing a Japanese tourist who was trapped under water for more than an hour and a half.

Three other passengers and the pilot were rescued within 10 minutes from the Bell Jet Ranger 206B helicopter that crashed and broke apart near the United Nations shortly before Sunday morning, police said.

Indian child workers hold first rally

NEW DELHI, May 2, (Xinhua): Over 300 child workers between the ages of six to 16 held a rally here Sunday to air their grievances and urged the government to implement the Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act 1986.

This first ever child workers rally was organised by the Forum for Street and Working Children, a one-year-old non-government organisation.

Most of these children live on streets, railway platforms, bus stations and marketplaces. They have either run away from their homes due to acute poverty, child abuse, neglect or have been abandoned by their families.

These children work as rag pickers, coolies, newspaper vendors and shoe shine boys or work at railway stations.

Some of the children said on an average they work 14 to 16 hours a day in return for a meagre wage of 30 rupees (\$2.3) to 50 rupees (\$3.85) a month with some sort of a meal.

According to a national survey in 1982, there are around 18 million child workers below the age of 15 in India.

Children constituted six per cent of the Indian labour force in 1981.

Sri Lankan MP slain in south

Blast hurts 10 in Batticaloa

COLOMBO, May 2, (AP): A time bomb exploded in the eastern town of Batticaloa today, wounding at least 10 people and destroying a two-storey building, local police and residents reported.

In the southern town of Galle, a member of parliament was killed and three other people were injured last night when Sinhalese extremists ambushed their car, police said.

The bombing in Batticaloa, 230 kilometres east of Colombo, destroyed a Muslim-owned shop called Remy Textiles, city police chief Gamini Senewiratne said by telephone.

He said seven of the injured required hospitalisation.

Police blamed the explosion on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the most powerful Tamil rebel group fighting the Sinhalese-dominated government.

Ambush

G.V.S. De Silva, a member of the governing United National Party, was shot to death after leaving a Buddhist sanctuary in Galle, 116 kilometres south of Colombo, according to police officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A police inspector, a driver and another civilian in De Silva's car suffered gunshot injuries in

the ambush.

De Silva was injured last August in a grenade attack at parliament that killed a legislator and clerk. The government blamed that attack on the People's Liberation Front, an ultra-nationalist Sinhalese group accused of killing more than 200 government officials and supporters.

The front has vowed to kill anyone who supports an Indian-sponsored peace pact signed last July which grants some autonomy to minority Tamils. Tamils have been fighting for a separate homeland for the past four years in the north and east.

Tamil rebels have rejected the accord. Sinhalese extremists oppose it, saying it makes too many concessions to the minority Tamils.

On Sunday, 26 people were killed when buried explosives were detonated under a bus near the port town of Trincomalee, 240 kilometres northeast of Colombo.

Thirty others were injured, and 15 of them were reported in critical condition.

Sri Lankan military officials blamed the Tigers for the attack. The Tigers have refused to surrender their arms under the terms of the peace accord.

More than 50,000 Indian soldiers are deployed in Sri Lanka to disarm the Tamil militants.

Tamils are 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people, while 75 per cent are Sinhalese. Tamils say they are discriminated against by the Sinhalese who control the government and the military.

PLO denies anti-US action in Philippines

MANILA, May 2, (AP): A PLO spokesman today denied reports that the Palestine Liberation Organisation had sent activists into the country to plant bombs at a US military base.

The denial was issued to news agencies today by Mohammed Hassan Hamdona, official PLO representative in the Philippines.

Hamdona said the reports were "absurd and designed to defeat the Philippine government and people from (their) growing acceptance of the Palestinian's cause and their opposition to the continued repression being waged by Israel against the Palestinian people."

The PLO maintains an office in Manila. Since last year, the organisation has requested permission to open an embassy here, but the Philippine government has taken no action.

Probe

The PLO had nothing to do with the alleged terrorist plan against the base, "if indeed such a plot exists," Hamdona said. "Neither is the PLO interested in terrorism of any kind now or in the future."

Hamdona said the news leak linking the PLO to the alleged plot was attempted by unidentified forces to "internationalise and artificially link the current situa-

tion of the US bases (here) and the Palestinian people's uprising in Israeli-occupied territories."

Angeles City police chief, Lieut. Col Orlando MacAspac said the investigation of Ghesan Shooat Bakhsch, 32, of Iran, and Kamil Shariff Babi, 32, of Iraq, had provided no evidence the two were linked to the alleged plot.

They were arrested Saturday in connection with the investigation.

"We have found nothing against them," MacAspac told reporters.

He said the two were turned over today to immigration authorities, but will remain in police detention pending the immigration commission's investigation.

During last week's arrests, police also picked up an off-duty US soldier and an Australian tourist who were mistaken for Palestinians because of their beards, but both men were released after an identity check, officials said.

The roundups occurred amid heightened security following receipt by Philippine officials of an intelligence report that Palestinians planned to bomb Clark Air Base and bars frequented by US servicemen during the weekend.



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May Day observed

Conspiracy to blackmail Kuwait has failed

THE Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah said yesterday that the recent malicious conspiracy of hijacking the Kuwaiti civilian aircraft was aimed at blackmailing the country and disintegrating its national cohesion.

In a speech on the occasion of the May Day, the minister said this conspiracy has failed due to the solid stand in rejecting the blackmail as expressed by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince.

The ministers said that Kuwait has refused to bow to blackmail when Kazema aircraft was hijacked in 1984 and has reaffirmed this stand when "Jaberiya" was hijacked this month by a cravine bunch who has sold themselves to the devil.

Sheikh Nasser said when the dilemma was over, Kuwait has emerged as a united one family backing its leadership in faith and determination.

The handling of the hijacking, the minister said, has demonstrated a unique example for other countries of the world to follow in combating terrorism. The tackling of the crisis has won Kuwait admiration of the whole world.

Cover up

The hijacking, Sheikh Nasser said, was planned and implemented at this particular time to serve the Zionist scheme and cover up its brutalities while suppressing the uprising of the Palestinian people which took the form of razing houses to the ground, racist arrests, detentions and torturing of the civilians.

The Zionist enemy, the minister said, has made use of the situation to assassinate the deputy commander in chief of

the Palestinian forces the late Khalil Al Wazir, Abu Jihad.

The Zionist enemy, Sheikh Nasser added, mistakingly thought that by assassinating Al Wazir the popular uprising in the occupied lands could be stopped. But what happened later has shattered the enemy's dreams in view of the violent reactions to the assassination and the escalation of the revolt. The crime has also helped in normalising the Palestinian-Syrian relations which will result in consolidating and coordinating armed struggle against the enemy occupying Arab lands.

Struggle

The minister said "while we celebrate the international workers day, we should remember the heroic and courageous struggle of the Palestinian people under Zionist occupation and the glorious revolution of stones waged by our Palestinian people against a vicious enemy who is employing the harshest ever-known suppressive measures which have exposed to the world the fallacy of the Zionist claims of culture and civilised conduct. The revolution has also affirmed role of resistance in fighting for the Palestinian people's rights and freedom."

The minister also hailed "the grand Iraqi military victory by winning back the Faw peninsula. The Faw battle has made us relive the glorious Arab historic triumphs which are still our cherished hopes and a source of self-confidence for us."

The minister, in the meantime, appealed for national unity and said it is an open secret now that our country at this stage is targeted by many forces whose hearts are filled with evil and hatred" who fired their poison towards

our country and were assisted, to our regret, by some narrow-minded people who have sold their conscience to Satan."

"As we celebrate the May Day," the minister went on, "we should all realise protecting and defending the country does not only take the form of guns and fighting soldiers but also by enhancing real values without which no country can live."

Test

The country has passed through very difficult events recently, he said, but this was a test for the dignity of the homeland and steadfastness of men and accordingly was demonstrated in the unity of the citizens and the expatriates on this good land.

Talking about the May Day, the minister described it as one of the most important social events in the history of the modern societies.

He added that the whole society observes this occasion to express its appreciation to the workers in recognition of their role in the industry of life and development.

United

In Kuwait, the minister said, "we fully understand the advanced sense of work and workers and we respect them accordingly especially when our society was wholly based on workers without whom we could not have reached this phase of advancement."

Citizenship, he added, means that one uphold beloning, work and justice. We were united in the past by the toil of life and we are united again by our collective determination to create an Arab, Muslim and humane society from within and to condemn aggression and evil from without.

Inspection of foodstuffs to be tightened

YOUSSEF Al Mailam, the director of the Foodstuffs and Shop Licences Department at Kuwait Municipality, said that his department had transferred a number of food inspectors in an effort to increase efficiency and solve some recent problems.

He added that the department will tighten their procedures on inspecting imported foodstuffs and on checking that local markets sell only foodstuffs within the valid consumption period.

Municipality authorities have requested facilities to export local food produce without any restrictions since it is continuously checked by Municipality inspectors, Al Mailam said.

Amir calls for developing agriculture

MUTLAQ Al Masoud, a board member of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, said that HH the Amir had instructed that Kuwait develop its agricultural sector. He added that toward this goal the authority was establishing a general agricultural policy to be implemented in various stages.

Al Masoud said that the most serious problem faced by Kuwaiti farmers is marketing their produce. He explained that this resulted from a large increase in produce without parallel growth in the market.

He said that neither farmers nor consumers were benefitting

from locally grown produce because the farmers are paid very little and the consumers are charged a lot. He added that the "middleman" is the only one who seems to benefit.

Kuwait Municipality does not allow farmers to market their produce except at the designated vegetable markets, Al Masoud said, suggesting that new markets be opened for local farmers near places consumers frequent.

He recommended that a high tariff be placed on imported agricultural products and that imports be banned during certain months when local production was high.

Contractors blamed for Dhahar area problems

KUWAIT'S Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan has accused contractors for the numerous problems reported in the Dhahar housing project. He has stressed, however, that the recent case in the Dhahar area was completely unrelated to other construction problems on the project.

The Dhahar housing project, which consists of 2,541 houses, 14 schools, 14 mosques and a commercial centre, has been plagued by problems since its construction in 1984.

The Director General of the Al Issa Establishment, Abdul Hameed Youssef Al Issa said that the defects in the Dhahar houses are the result of faulty design.

Design

In a press conference Sunday night, Al Roudhan said that several investigations have shown that contractors "did not execute the construction properly and did not follow the provisions of the contract with the National Housing Authority."

Al Issa cites a report submitted by the Kuwait Institute of Technology as confirmation that the housing project design is at fault. He added that the National



Nasser Al Roudhan

Housing Authority had dismissed 300 engineers and technicians during construction of the Dhahar project.

Al Issa said that one engineer Wajdi Shaban had been dismissed from the project and deported without being allowed to collect his benefits. He was later called to court to testify.

Al Issa said that the National Housing Authority had offered to give Shaban all of his benefits if he acknowledged in writing that the building defects were due

to faulty construction and blamed the contractor for these defects.

Al Issa added that defects have shown up in a number of houses in the area which were built by different contractors. He said this shows that the defect is one of design and not construction.

Confirmed

The director general said that a report submitted by the Kuwait Institute of Technology and comments made by the Justice Ministry Committee, who reviewed the designs and construction, confirmed that the defects were caused by faulty design. He further said that the National Housing Authority should bear full responsibility for the problems.

Al Roudhan said that the NHA investigations show that the contractors have been asked to make the necessary repairs as construction faults have been reported. Since some of the contractors refused, the case had to be taken to court, he added.

Since last year the NHA has been giving maintenance work to other companies and 900 houses have been repaired at a cost of KD5 million, which had been deducted from the original contractors.

Qaddoumi lashes out at America

HEAD of the PLO political department Farouq Qaddoumi said PLO-Syrian reconciliation does not require identical stands but in respect with the Palestine question identical attitudes are inevitable.

Qaddoumi, in an interview with the daily Seyassah said in response to a question, that Egyptian people and Army are a big power, however "we are against Camp David, both as

policy and approach."

He dismissed reports that the PLO made contacts with Washington through Cairo.

The PLO's chief diplomat lashed out at the Reagan administration and Secretary of State, George Shultz.

"This American administration has been aggressive since it took office. It has been hostile to the PLO, and to the Palestinian struggle, and extended aid to Israel more than any other previous administration ever did," he was quoted as saying.

About the Soviet Union's Middle East policy Qaddoumi said Moscow's flexibility toward settling regional conflicts does not affect the Palestinian right to self-determination.

Hindrances

Denying the existence of any hindrances obstructing Arafat's visit to Jordan, Qaddoumi said such a visit to Amman by PLO chairman has "a political significance."

He pointed out that the PLO is keen on materialising Arab solidarity, and if it was asked to do something in this respect, it will not hesitate at all.

Regarding the meeting held in Damascus between Fatah Central Committee members and Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam, the Palestinian official said it was "warm and satisfactory."

The Palestinian diplomat stressed that restructuring of the Palestine National Council, election of a new PNC Speaker and return of Palestinian factions to the PLO framework are internal Palestinian issues that can only be discussed in their Palestinian context.

Meals for kindergarten from next year

ABDUL Aziz Al Jarallah, the Assistant Undersecretary for Administrative and Financial Affairs at Kuwait's Education Ministry, said meals for kindergarten children would be provided by qualified catering companies to be agreed upon by the Central Tenders Committee for the next academic year.

He added that the ministry's central kitchen service would be discontinued and that meals would be provided only by private companies, which would enable the ministry to save on expenses.

Regarding maintenance work at ministry schools Al Jarallah said that it was being arranged in agreement with contractors from specific educational areas.

416 people embraced Islam last year

FOUR hundred and sixteen people embraced Islam last year before the ratification department of Kuwait's Justice Ministry.

The recently issued annual statistics added that there were 29 Arabs of different nationalities, including one Kuwaiti woman, five Syrians, one Iraqi, seven Jordanians and Palestinians, seven Lebanese, six Egyptians and two Sudanese.

It said that 338 were Asians, with 267 being women. There were 60 Indians, 13 Pakistanis, 141 Sri Lankans, nine Thais and 110 Filipinos.

The new Muslims also included two Ethiopian women, 10 Britons, four Germans, two Frenchmen, three Poles, two Russians, eight Americans, and one each from Mexico, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Hungary, Finland and Denmark.

The message was relayed by Lebanese envoy Jameel N'mah, who recently conveyed a similar message from Gemayel to Sheikh Zayed.

Conference on viral diseases

RIYADH, May 2, (Kuna): King Faisal specialist hospital and research centre will organise a five-day international conference on the impact of viral diseases on the health care and medical services in the kingdom and the Middle East region, due to start its deliberations in Riyadh on June 5.

The conference's preparatory committee has been finalising the required arrangements for the conference, Dr Fahd Abduljabar, the hospital's supervisor told SPA.

He said the conference will have 12 main sessions and three symposiums, adding that 80 research papers will be presented at the conference.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Egypt's participation in Arab summit emphasised

KUWAITI daily Al Rai Al Aam yesterday emphasised the importance of Egypt's participation in the forthcoming Arab summit conference scheduled to take place in Algeria.

In a front page editorial the paper affirmed the need of Egypt's attendance in the Arab summit noting that while the world always try to find new dynamic means to boost their interests, the Arab nation has maintained its stagnant situation.

The paper added that Egypt is the biggest Arab power in the Middle East, and the restoration of Egypt means the return of the 'lost balance' with Israel as well as the addition of further potentials to the Arab capability in facing the Zionist challenges.

Calling on the Arabs to reconsider their situation, the daily urged extending loans and financial assistance to enable it overcome its economic crisis.

Egypt's membership in the Arab League is still suspended although most of the Arab states restored diplomatic ties with Egypt following Amman extraordinary Arab summit last November.

US foreign policy

ANOTHER Kuwaiti daily Al Watan said that the US elections are used as a commodity in the US foreign policy with both major parties endeavouring to lay down plans to ensure influence in the Middle East.

Editorially, the paper said that the Democratic and Republican parties are racing to extend support to Israel which serves the US hegemonic plans in the Arab world.

"Some US candidates try to satisfy the Arabs, but soon it is revealed that it was merely game," the daily went on.

Affirming that the US policy is no longer a secret but rather is clearly based on extending all forms of support and aid to the Zionist entity which in its turn use them in implementing plots against the Arabs, the paper noted that the US Secretary of State George Shultz's so called peace plan also was exposed within this context.

Nuclear medicine section

A NEW section for nuclear medicine will open soon at the Sabah Hospital and the Military Hospital, Dr Riyadh Al Bahar of the Public Health Ministry said recently.

He told a local newspaper that nuclear medicine was introduced in Kuwait in the early 60's with poor equipment.

The beginning of the 80's saw the opening of many modern hospitals in different areas in Kuwait, and some were provided with nuclear medicine sections.

Sections were opened at the Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital, Chest Diseases Hospital, Amiri Hospital, Hussain Makki Juma Centre and Kuwait's University's medical college.

They were fully equipped with the latest instruments in nuclear medicine technology and people were hired from the United States and England to operate them.

He said Kuwait was chosen to organise annual meetings to discuss the latest development in nuclear medicine in the Middle East.

Importance of family ties stressed

A KUWAITI newspaper has quoted well-informed sources as saying that the social service department at the Education Ministry has launched awareness campaigns at schools and kindergartens in various parts of the country to stress the importance of family ties.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying that the department prepared these campaigns to remedy the growing disintegration of family ties.

The sources said that with the rapid increase of the population the local traditional social visiting system began to disappear and that one of the objectives of these campaigns was to emphasise the importance of true social and traditional values, such as the regular visiting of one's family members.

Heroic role of Abu Jihad praised

SHARJAH, May 2, (Kuna): The Sharjah government today praised the struggle of Palestinian martyr Khalil Al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), noting that his blood had breathed life into Arab veins.

During a ceremony held here under the patronage of Sharjah Ruler Dr Sultan Qassimi in commemoration of martyrdom of Abu Jihad, the government representative Obeid Issa stressed the heroic role played by the martyr.

Obeid also hailed the Palestinian uprising, describing it as "a qualitative change" that awakens the Arabs from the Atlantic to the Arabian Gulf.

Chairman of Emirates Public Solidarity Committee, Taim Imran highlighted the pan-Arab dimensions of the Palestinian question, recalling the history of solidarity by the people of the UAE and Sharjah with the Palestinian people.

Sister of Abu Jihad, Zainab, and acting director of the PLO office in the UAE Khalid Malak also addressed the audience, commended the martyr and the struggle of the people of Palestine.

16 centres to teach Quran

THERE are 16 centres for teaching the holy Quran throughout Kuwait, with nine for men and seven for women, according to the director of Islamic studies at the Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry, Abdullah Al Najem.

He told a local newspaper that the first centre was opened in 1971 and situated in the capital. The course was of six years duration.

There were repeated demands by women, and in 1977 the first centre for women was opened at Umm Atteyyah Al Ansari school. The first batch of women graduated in 1983.

He said the centres aimed at teaching students to recite the holy Quran properly and to understand its sublime meanings.

Saudi envoy defends decision to cut ties with Iran

SAUDI Arabia's Ambassador to Paris Jamil Jehailan said that it is not his country's policy to start severing diplomatic relations with any state including Iran, if there were not any reasons for that.

The ambassador added in a statement to "Radio Monte Carlo," monitored here last night that it is the first time in Saudi Arabia's history to take the initiative and sever relations with another state.

He added that the reason for such an initiative is Iran's policy which exposes the region to dangers, and its continuous attacks on some of the Gulf states.

He noted that Iran's media campaign against Saudi Arabia as well as using the pilgrimage season to escalate political differences are behind the Saudi decision to cut relations with Tehran.

Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic ties with Iran last Tuesday, April 26, when the Foreign Ministry summoned the Iranian charge d'affaires and asked him to leave the country within a week along with other Iranian diplomats.

Gulf states re-thinking ties with Iran

A NUMBER of Gulf and Arab states are presently re-examining the feasibility of having diplomatic relations with Iran, a local daily said yesterday.

Seyassah newspaper said these countries will take after Saudi Arabia as the last means for putting pressure on Iran and the isolation of the Iranian regime.

Furthermore, a number of Islamic countries are also reconsidering the status of their diplomatic relations with Tehran which has turned down all Islamic efforts exerted with a view to end the Gulf war.

Arab and Islamic efforts will also unify following completion of severance of relations with Iran, to press the foreign countries which have embassies in Tehran for cutting their ties with Iran.

The sources told the daily that Arab Islamic and international unanimity toward this issues will certainly be the move which will put an end to Iran's aggressive and terrorist acts.

South Korea names new envoy to UAE

SEOUL, May 2, (AP): Career diplomat Park Jong-Keo has been named South Korea's Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, the Foreign Ministry announced today.

Park, currently chief researcher on Middle East Affairs at the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, replaces Park Sun-Ho, who was reassigned to the ministry, it said.

Arab health ministers discuss WHO strategy

GENEVA, May 2, (Kuna): The Council of Arab Health Ministers today met to discuss strategy for the World Health Organisation's annual conference, in session here from May 2 to 13.

One of the main items in front of the Arab ministers and their delegations was the preparation of a resolution to be presented to the conference on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories, Kuwait Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzak Youssef Al Abdul Razzak said after the meeting.

The final text of the draft resolution, to be voted on by the 1,200 delegates at the WHO assembly, would be approved by Arab health officials on Tuesday, he noted.

The minister said that the council had also agreed that the next meeting of the WHO's East Mediterranean region, which groups most Arab states, would be in Geneva in October.

Last October, the East Mediterranean meeting was held in Baghdad, and the year before in Kuwait.

Other agenda items had included a discussion on and a decision that Libya would replace Democratic Yemen as an Arab member of the WHO's executive board.

Other delegates at the Council meeting said that the Kuwait Health Minister had been selected by his colleagues to be their candidate for election as chairman one of the key committee posts in the WHO conference.

Traditional shopping, festivities pick up

ALTHOUGH the holy month of Ramadan is characterised by rejoicing for Muslims, it began this year with an absence of this usual joy. Because of the hostilities held on the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner at the beginning

of Ramadan, the traditional shopping and festivities were obviously lacking in Kuwait's markets.

Following the release of the hostages, activity picked up with

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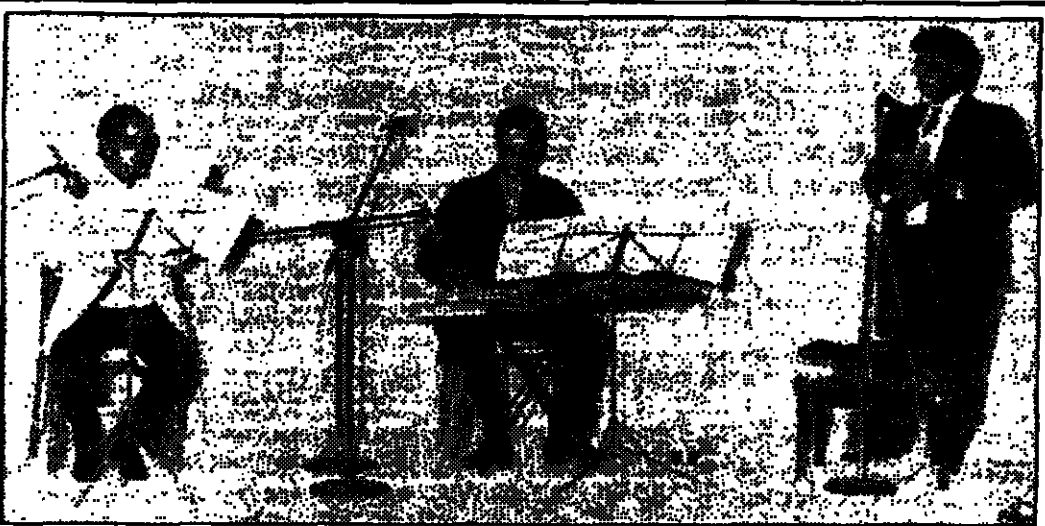
Dr. Raasha Al Sabah, the Assistant Director for Information and Social Services Affairs at Kuwait University, opened a photography exhibition at the University Student Union on Saturday.

The exhibition, organised by the photography staff at the Social Services Centre, includes several photographs and a special section by Kuwait News Agency featuring photos from the hijacked airliner Al Jazeera.

The opening ceremony was attended by the photography instructor at the centre, Al Hadidi and Dr Mohammed Al Sarawi.

Al Hadidi, who is leaving Kuwait after many years of service at the centre, was honoured with a commemorative plaque presented by Dr Sabah.

Above: Al Hadidi (right) holds up the plaque presented by Dr Raasha Sabah.



Al Kindi recital

THE French Al Kindi group (above) at a one-night concert held at the Meriden Hotel on Sunday night. The Al Kindi group is currently touring the Middle East. In Kuwait, they presented a selection of classical Arab music and Western baroque music. (Right) a view of the audience.



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- 1.10 Tao Tao: cartoons
- 2.00 Zahrat Al Saif: historical serial, starring: Abdullah Ghaith, Hussein Fahim, Yusuf Shaban, Azina Rizk, Imaan Toqi, Hala Fakher.
- 3.00 On Ramadan: religious programme
- 3.35 Jaroo: daily serial, starring: Zuhair Numani, Maha Saleh, Dawood Jalajal.
- 4.45 Tazzawaj: Wa Ibtisam: daily Arabic serial, starring Samir Ghanim, Raghdha, Ahmad Badar.
- 5.30 Hadith Deeni: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Iftar
- 7.00 Madinat Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal, Jassim Nabhan, Mohammad Jaber, Ahmad Saleh, Huda Hussein.
- 8.15 A Talk Show on Islamic Philosophy
- 9.00 Dairat Al Khair: on Ramadan
- 9.30 Ramadan contests
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 Musafir: Bila Hawaiya: daily serial, starring: Ghanem Al Saleh, Hayat Al Fahad.
- 11.45 Late Night Serial
- 1.00 Qadiyat Al Ustazah Effat: Arabic film.



Soleil Moon-Fry plays Punkey Brewster, on KTV 2 tonight.

starring Hassan Yusuf, Firdous Abdul Hamid, Rashwan Tawfiq, Ajlal Zaki.

2.15 News Summary
2.20 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
- 8.30 Punkey Brewster: on Halloween eve, Punkey and her friends harass an old woman living in the neighbourhood.
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.40 Islamic Horizon
- 10.00 Lorne Greene's New Wilderness: a look at the blue stork.
- 10.30 Leg Work: "Blind

Trust". Claire's maid is sought after by young men after getting a large sum of money.

11.20 Q.E.D.: documentary

12.00 Feature Film: "My Palikari". Starring: Kate Gordon. A Greek immigrant decides to return home after living in the US for 35 years. Trouble starts when his son refuses to go back.

1.30 News Summary
1.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

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RADIO PROGRAMMES

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- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behteram Qaul
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numan
- 2100 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio News
- 30 The Jesuits (ex 31st Music of the Royal Courts)
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 Short Story
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- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
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Eat a little of everything but not too much of anything

Maxim of good nutrition

By Arnold Bender

THERE are no good and bad foods — just unhealthy diets. The maxim of good nutrition is eat a little of everything and not too much of anything.

The first rule is variety. The human body needs 13 vitamins, 20 mineral salts, 20 amino acids and certain essential fats.

No single food, however, contains all the constituents of a healthy diet, so variety is essential.

The second rule is: don't eat too much of anything. Food problems are generally problems of excess, not of deficiency. We need a range of nutrients but not excess calories, which for many of us come from too much fat, sugar and alcohol.

To all this is added the proviso that anyone with excess weight should lose it.

The human body is very adaptable. Even people with very poor diets may look and feel well for quite a long time. While there is no proof, there

is evidence that diet plays a part in certain disorders in later life such as degenerative disease, heart disease and reduced resistance to infection.

The incidence of premature death from heart disease in Britain is one of the highest in the world. Evidence suggests that one of the causes may be our high consumption of fat, especially saturated fat.

This view was endorsed by a UK government-appointed Committee on the Medical Aspects of Food Policy (COMA) in a report published in 1984.

The COMA Committee is appointed to provide authoritative advice on the medical aspects of food-policy and its recommendations were immediately accepted. They were that:

- Total fat intake should account for not more than 35 per cent of the total intake of calories.
- Saturated fat should account for not more than 15 per cent of total intake of calories (the average is currently 20 per cent).
- Intake of simple sugars should not be increased further.
- An excessive intake of alcohol should be avoided.
- Intake of common salt should not be increased further, and consideration should be given to ways and means of reducing it; and
- Reduced fat intake should be compensated by increased fibre-rich carbohydrates (bread, cereals, fruit, and vegetables).

The recommendations apply to the total diet. The COMA report states: "There are unlimited ways in which each individual can act to enjoy an overall diet and lifestyle conducive to good health."

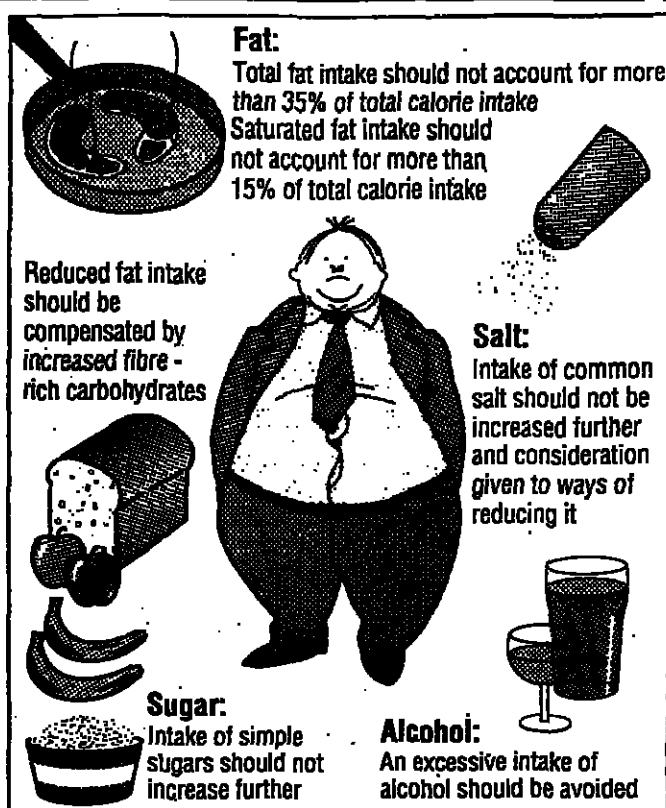
For many people a better diet means eating more fruits and vegetables.

These, together with cereals (especially brown and wholemeal breads), will increase the supply of dietary fibre essential to a healthy diet.

With a wide variety of foods now available, all the year

round, healthy eating is easier and can be fun.

No-one is offering guarantees that every individual who follows current nutritional



advice will be immune to a heart attack and always remain in perfect health — but on the whole it is likely to be beneficial.

Exercise: is it too much of a good thing?

By Jane Sutton

NEW studies show too much exercise can actually reduce longevity and that compulsive exercise addicts may be taking years off their lives by working out too hard for too long.

No one is arguing against regular exercise, but the research indicates there can indeed be too much of a good thing.

In a recent study of 17,000 Harvard alumni, a Stanford epidemiologist found those who exercised heavily actually had a slightly shorter life expectancy than more moderate exercisers.

A recent issue of longevity, a monthly newsletter published by Omni magazine, suggests athletes who burn more than 3,500 calories a week — the equivalent of running more than 35 miles (56 km) — may increase their oxygen intake so much that they increase the generation of free radicals in their blood. Free radicals are breakdown products of oxygen and are believed to contribute to ageing and cancer.

Most researchers agree regular exercise can help relieve stress and prevent disease. What no one has been able to figure out is exactly how much exercise is too much.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in the US recommends 20 to 30 minutes of brisk aerobic exercise three to four



times a week. Its guide, Exercise: your way to better health, updated recently, advises healthy adults to calculate their optimum exercise level with a formula based on the fastest rate the heart should beat.

Ideally, the target pulse rate during exercise should be between 60 per cent and 75 per cent of that maximum heart rate the booklet says.

To find that target rate, subtract your age from 220 and multiply that number by the

desired percentage. For example, a 40-year-old who was just beginning an exercise programme would probably want to start at 60 per cent of his maximum heart capacity.

So, 220 minus 40 equals 180, and 60 per cent of that is 108. During aerobic exercise, his heart should beat at 108 beats per minute to achieve the minimum training effect.

Exercise below 60 per cent does not provide adequate cardiovascular conditioning, and exercise beyond 75 per cent of the maximum heart rate can be too strenuous, the booklet advises.

Cautions

But the booklet cautions that that method does not take into account individual differences. Scientists have long been searching for some sort of marker, perhaps some blood measurement, that could indicate exactly when an athlete is overtraining.

"So far, there's been nothing. About the only way you can determine overtraining is by training to the point where you not only are feeling very fatigued, but your performance is falling off," said Bill Fink, a sports medicine researcher at Ball State University.

"What happens to the psyche of an athlete is that he will get to a point where his performance doesn't improve any more. What he will do is



increase training, thinking he has somehow slipped. That's exactly the wrong thing to do. As the athlete digs his own grave," Fink said.

Dr Connie Chan, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, has treated people she considers "exercise addicts," people who are just as dependent on exercise as drug addicts are on drugs.

"We define it as someone who, if they are forced to miss it

for whatever reason, they suffer withdrawal symptoms," Chan said. "Their schedule and their day are organised around it. Exercise becomes the No. 1 priority. They are so preoccupied with it that other parts of their life are pushed aside."

The withdrawal symptoms range from guilt and irritability to depression and loss of self-esteem. Exercise addicts are more likely than other people to injure themselves, because they push themselves too far, Chan found.

"They tend to go beyond their capacity. They take aspirin and pain killers to keep doing it when it already hurts," she said.

No one knows how common exercise addiction is. Federal studies suggest most Americans are still at the opposite end of the spectrum.

In a survey of 25,000 adults, researchers at the centres for disease control found only 8.2 per cent exercised often enough and hard enough to improve their physical fitness. More than 25 per cent never exercised at all.

"My feeling is 'that a lot of people who do aerobic exercise virtually every day, the people who are running or doing aerobic dance, perhaps swimming or biking every single day, I think a large percentage of these people are addicted,'" Chan said.

How long have men been smoking?

- In the industrial world, the bad habit among men became widespread at the time of World War I, 1914-1918, peaking in the mid-1970s.
- In the Third World, cigarette smoking became predominant later — in the mid-1970s — and mainly among men. However, developing countries are now the biggest market for the tobacco industry.

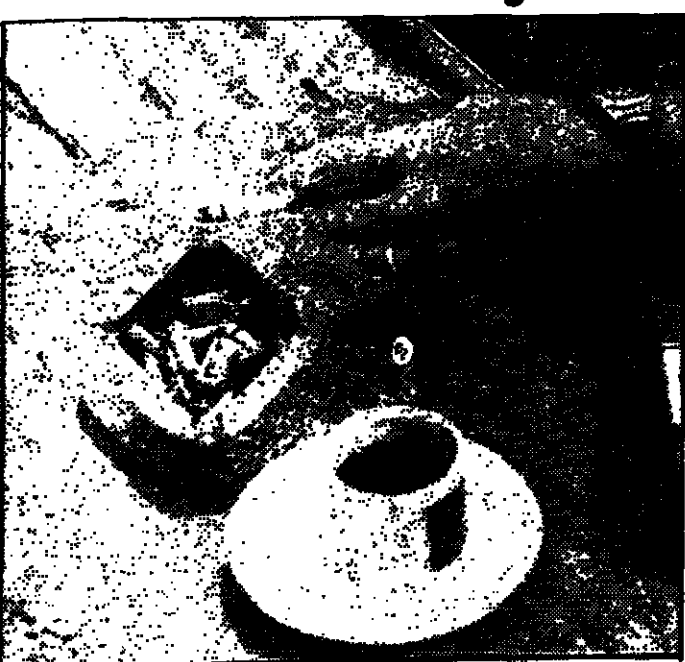
How long have women been smoking?

- Since World War II, 1939-1945. But as a result of advertisements in the 1960s which, for instance, linked smoking to women's rights and proclaimed "You've come a long way, baby," today women are lighting up more than men.
- From 1960 to 1980, the mortality rate for females from lung cancer doubled in 28 industrialised countries.
- Since the mid-1980s, lung cancer has been overtaking breast cancer as the most common form of female cancer in the United States, the first country showing this trend.
- Lung cancer is projected to be the No. 1 form of cancer for females in the United Kingdom by 2010.

Are filter-tip cigarettes hazardous?

- No. A filter does not screen out carbon monoxide, nor other harmful gases in the smoke. A filter-tip smoker is still a prime candidate for a coronary heart attack or stroke.
- Are cigars and pipes less of a threat to the smoker's health?
- Marginally less if not inhaled; however, the tobacco used in cigars and pipes is higher in tars and nicotine than in cigarettes.
- The smoke from cigar and pipe is thicker and consequently constitutes a greater risk to the non-smoker.
- What is "smokeless tobacco"?
- It's tobacco that is not smoked, but chewed; or left in the mouth, even overnight; or sniffed. It is marketed as moist snuff, which is tobacco finely cut, as chewing tobacco, which is coarsely cut, as dry snuff, which is dry and finely powdered.

Smoking: the facts and myths



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Is smokeless tobacco a safe alternative to cigarettes?

- No, although promoted as such. It is a cause of mouth cancer and tooth decay. Smokeless tobacco contains not only carcinogens but also nicotine, which makes it a habit-forming cigarette.
- Isn't smoking an issue of personal choice, as has been claimed?
- No, because implicit in choice is the capability of saying "yes" or "no." The smoker who cannot quit is essentially an addict who can't say "No."
- The tobacco addiction is generally begun during pre-teen years by youngsters who are unaware of its consequences, and who thus fall easy prey to advertising and promotion. There is no adult, rational judgement involved.
- What is "passive smoking"?
- A non-smoker who is forced to breathe smoke-filled air,

and who thus becomes, paradoxically, a non-smoking smoker.

How is passive smoking harmful to health of non-smokers?

- Tobacco smoke contains chemical properties that irritate the eye, nose and throat of non-smokers sharing an indoor space — an office, or a public place — with smokers. It is, however, more than just a simple nuisance, but a health hazard.
- Non-smoking wives of husbands who smoke, have shown a higher rate of lung cancer than women married to non-smokers.
- In the first decision of its kind, in 1985, a Swedish court ruled that smoking by colleagues had been the "probable cause" of death from lung cancer of a non-smoking office worker, and was thus an occupational injury. The family received compensation.
- It has been calculated that each year passive smoking accounts for 4,000 to 5,000 deaths in the United States, and 1,000 deaths in the United Kingdom.
- Is it difficult to break the habit?
- Yes, because tobacco is dependence-producing. The majority of those who quit do so "cold turkey" — that is, making a clean break and, through determined will power, outlasting the withdrawal symptoms.
- It is being done also through cessation courses, through group therapy, discussions and counselling.
- The first step is a decision to quit — for the sake of the smoker's health; or for the sake of the smoker's family, because smoking is slow motion suicide and unbearable to witness; or for social reasons.
- What are public health officials advocating?
- That non-smokers have a right to breathe smokeless air; most importantly in work places but also in indoor public places, particularly where food is served.
- That the medical profession itself, especially doctors and nurses, as well as hospitals, set an example of non-tobacco use.
- That in countries where smokeless tobacco is not used, a "preemptive ban" be placed on promotion and sales and where it is used, that it is subject to regulations similar to those applied to cigarettes.
- What are the benefits of breaking the habit?
- Goodbye to "dragon's breath," to smelly hair, clothes and curtains; to stains on teeth and fingers; to accidental house fires, or burns on table clothes, furniture, mattresses, rugs and sofas; to apologies for smoking in company — and to an expensive addiction.
- Hello to more money to spend on better, essential things, or to save; to fresher breath ("Kiss a non-smoker, taste the difference," as health education posters say); to a wholesome feeling of well being — and to a better, healthier lifestyle.

Tips to combat weak knees

NOT only housemaids suffer knee trouble. Virtually all of us have a problem at some time in this vulnerable joint.

Skiing, football and rugby give rise to some of the worst injuries. Vivian Grisogono, a physiotherapist who set up the first full-time sports injuries clinic at Crystal Palace, has seen them all. In her new book, Knee Health (John Murray, £6.95), she explains in detail how the knee works, how to prevent injury and describes first-aid and self-help. The golden rule is to avoid repetitive jarring.

Among her hints on how to avoid weakening your knees are:

- Do use them: muscles stiffen if kept idle or in one position for long periods.
- Do watch your posture: do not overload the joint by standing with weight over one knee or stress ligaments by sitting with knees crossed and twisted awkwardly.
- Do exercise: to strengthen muscles and so "hold the kneecap in balance." If standing for long periods bend and stretch. If sitting straighten by lifting heel off floor or stretch out leg.
- Do practise the "kneecap twitch": sitting or standing, tighten on thigh to pull kneecap upwards, keeping the knee straight, then try to flicker muscles to twitch the kneecap.
- Do not overload knees: if lifting heavy objects, bend knees evenly, keep back locked, straight and carry load as close as possible to the body. Do not wear high heels for very long periods: counter-act their effect by going barefoot in the house.
- Do study correct sports techniques: take it slowly at first. Do emulate churchgoers: cushion or pad knees if they are under direct pressure.
- Do not delay seeking advice if you find swelling or inflammation. It is important to avoid building up long-term trouble.

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FORTUNE is not on the side of the faint-hearted — Sophocles, Greek dramatist (about 496 BC - 406 BC)

OPINION

Iran is lying to its own people

IRAN is talking a lot about the US and other countries these days.

It claims that these countries helped Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait to go to victory over Iran.

When Iran makes such claims it shows that it is suffering from failure and defeat. The Iranian people, who have been told by their government that they belong to a country that cannot be defeated, are surrounded by evidence to the contrary and are looking for an explanation for their failure.

Iran understands that it cannot say to its people that they have been defeated by Iraq. After all, they have been telling the people that the Arab Muslim countries would be easily defeated.

The splintered Iranian government refuses to acknowledge its defeat by the real victors and searches for justification for its failure.

It claims that it was defeated by the big devil, the US; Russia or even China. According to the preposterous claims of Iran, these are the countries they have defeated.

Iran claims that it was not defeated by the Iraqi Army, which threw Khomeini's soldiers into the Shatt Al Arab waters and foiled Iran's dreams of victory for the last eight years. Iran will not admit that its plans have been thwarted by the will of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Iran laughs at its people now, just as it has laughed at them over the last eight years. They fooled these poor people when they said the Iranian Army had entered Karbala, the holy Shi'ite city in Iraq. Iran is not going to liberate Jerusalem and kick the Jews out of Palestine either.

Iran continues to lie to its people. It does not want to admit that it was defeated by the Arabs, especially Saddam's Army, but would rather say they were defeated by the "big devils".

By such lies Iran displays its arrogance and dreams. This arrogance has resulted in embroiling the whole Gulf region in a tragic economic, social and political situation.

Blaming their defeat on the superpowers shows that Iran is really suffering. This is a good indication that Iran is truly defeated.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

When Paris burnt two decades ago

Insurrection shook French society to its roots

By Sydney Rubin

PARIS, (AP): May 3, 1968, began like any other Friday in the capital, with no hint that soon there would be blood in the streets. By evening, students and police had drawn battle lines for an insurrection that would shake French society to its roots.

The month-long series of strikes, protests and pitched battles that rocked the Fifth Republic nearly brought down the government of Charles de Gaulle. He resigned as president the next year.

Thousands were injured, city streets were torn up and cars torched.

When the tear gas cleared, a new libertarian tolerance was in the wind and the twin pillars of French politics — Gaullist nationalism and communism — were permanently fractured.

The uprising helped change the way French view themselves and their society. It encouraged debate on social issues where little existed before. Family life, relations between the sexes and popular culture were infused with new ideals.

Problems
Today's France has other pressing problems — unemployment of 10.5 per cent and a low economic growth rate, a large trade deficit and agricultural disputes, university frictions and ethnic unrest.

But two decades after May 1968, the revolt still reverberates in French minds. David Cause, British author of the newly published

book "Sixty-Eight, the Year of the Barricades," called it the greatest popular uprising ever experienced by a capitalist democracy in time of peace.

"It was a revolution in the way we live, a transition from an old, rural France where everyone had great respect for central authority toward a modern, urban France of more liberal individualists," said Regis Debray, then a radical and today an adviser to President Francois Mitterrand.

The unrest in France was part of a common impulse felt by a global generation, the affluent post-war children who, from Berkeley to Berlin, focused their anger in protests against American involvement in Vietnam. Today, many of these angry young men are leaders of French society.

Protests
The flashpoint of the May events was the suburban campus of Nanterre. A general malaise, fuelled by anti-war sentiment and the alienation of students on a bristly modern campus surrounded by slums, triggered protests that led to the closing of the school in March.

On May 3, 500 students staged a sit-in at the Sorbonne to protest disciplinary action at Nanterre and by late afternoon masses of riot police surrounded the school and began making arrests.

Students poured from Latin quarter cafes with shouts of "Libere nos camarades." (Free our comrades). Fighting began. A frantic administration shut



Charles de Gaulle

down the Sorbonne, for only the second time in 700 years.

A week of shocking violence followed. Students erected barricades, up to six feet (1.8 m) high, built of buses, felled trees, benches and street signs. Cobblestones were ripped from the streets and hurled at police.

Riot police clubbed students and chased them through narrow streets, sometimes blocking medical help to the injured. Left Bank neighbourhoods floated in stinging clouds of tear gas.

Dazed

Writer Mavis Gallant, in her recently-published diary, described the morning after a violent clash that injured 367 students.

"Ripped streets around the Luxembourg station. People who live around here seem dazed ... paving torn up ... where I used to live looks bombed. Burned cars, ugly, gray-black ... armed

men and unarmed children ... we all feel sick," she wrote.

Mark Kravetz, a leading student figure on the barricades and now foreign editor of the daily Liberation, said the burning car is the single image on the street fighting which endures in French minds.

"The car was the symbol of middle class achievement. And bourgeois values were going up in smoke," Kravetz said.

More than a million people formed a river of flags and banners pouring down Left Bank boulevards on May 13 and reports of demonstrations came from university towns throughout France.

By mid-May the brutality had swung public opinion behind the students.

Then something even more astonishing happened. In a spontaneous wave that swept across the nation, more than 9 million people went on strike.

Normal life in the capital came to a halt. It was impossible to buy a newspaper, go to school, send a letter, cash a cheque, ride the bus or metro, watch television or take a train out of Paris. Fighting ended, people who remembered the war, began hoarding cigarettes, sugar and canned goods.

Garbage

Garbage piled up in the streets. The Odéon Theatre was occupied by students and workers holding marathon debates on creating a new society. Even rugby players went on strike.

The strikes marked the beginning of the sharp decline of the

Communist Party among French voters. Labour unions and student groups controlled by the communists were ambivalent about the uprising, viewing it as an uncontrollable revolt of spoiled, middle-class kids. That attitude permanently alienated intellectuals and youth and contributed to the eventual election of a Socialist president, Mitterrand.

More significantly, French politics was confronted with a new force — the media. Young people discovered that television, radio and newspapers didn't just report events, they helped create them.

Conquest

"1968 was the beginning of the media's conquest of French politics and life," Debray said.

No one understood this better than Daniel Cohn-Bendit, the best known of the radical student leaders, dubbed Danny the Red for his rusty hair and provocative style.

Cohn-Bendit, born in France of German parents, now publishes a current affairs magazine in Frankfurt. At 43, he still lives the life of a free-lance radical, writing books and working with West Germany's anti-establishment Greens Party.

"I believe I can still legitimise everything I do from my standpoint in 1968," Cohn-Bendit said in an interview with the Associated Press, adding that the events 20 years ago irrevocably changed morality, sexuality and French education.

Alain Peyrefitte, who as De

Gaulle's education minister in 1968 considered Cohn-Bendit a troublemaker, now agrees with his assessment of the events.

"I was against the movement and felt it was my duty to limit it at the time. But I recognise that the long-term effects were good," said Peyrefitte, now head of the editorial board for the conservative daily Le Figaro. "People became more responsible for their lives, gained more dignity and felt more free."

Young people involved in the uprising realised they didn't need a cabinet post to wield power; they needed two minutes on the evening television news.

"We stopped thinking in terms of traditional politics," said historian Herve Hamon, once a student of the barricades and now author of a history book of the 1968 generation.

Hamon said his peers rejected politics and pursued instead careers in medicine, teaching, the arts and, above all, journalism.

On May 30, De Gaulle, made long-awaited radio speech, reassuring French citizens, who were fed up with upheaval, that the government was in control. Hours later, millions of Frenchmen jammed the Place de la Concorde, waving the French flag. The nation cooled down as abruptly as it caught fire.

Under De Gaulle, a series of reforms came in late 1968 to decrease the number of students per classroom, increase personal contact between students and professors and decentralise control of schools.

US predicts rise in Mideast violence

WASHINGTON, (AP): The US government's top counter-terrorism expert says an increase in Palestinian operations may occur as a result of the uprisings in the Israeli-occupied territories and the killing of a Palestinian commando leader.

Ambassador L. Paul Bremer also said Libya continues to plan international attacks.

Bremer said in an interview Friday that "there is a possibility of a measurable increase of Palestinian operations" in coming months in connection with the five-month-old Palestinian uprisings and the slaying of Khalil Wazir, second-in-command of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The killing of Wazir, known as Abu Jihad, blamed by Arab nations on Israeli agents, occurred in Tunisia. Israel has denied official comment.

The rapprochement between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Assad following Abu Jihad's assassination also may contribute to a terror campaign, although it is too soon to assess the impact of the thaw, he said.

Attacks

Abu Nidal, the nom de guerre for Sabri Bannah, continues to plan attacks from his headquarters in Libya where he maintains 300 to 400 operatives, Bremer said.

Abu Nidal heads a Palestinian faction that broke away from Arafat's Fatah branch of the PLO. The Nidal-faction has carried out some of the bloodiest attacks in the world during the past few years.

The organisation also main-

tains eight training camps in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley of eastern Lebanon, he said.

Assad, in an attempt to win US support, expelled Abu Nidal from Syria last summer.

But Bremer said the group's presence in the Bekaa is a continued irritant in US-Syrian relations.

Apprehended

Abu Nidal operatives were apprehended in the Philippines during the past six months, said a US official, who asked not to be named. He said Libya also has links with the Philippine Moro guerrilla group of the southern island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

Several minor bombings in Jordan during the last few months may have been the work of Abu Nidal, said the official.

Having been intimidated by the US bombing raid two years ago, Libya has been "casting about looking for surrogates" to carry out terror attacks, Bremer said.

Among the candidates are

Caught

The American terrorist expert noted that the attack was carried out a day before the 15th anniversary of the US bombing of Libya. He also noted the case of a JR member caught on April 12 by police in New Jersey with two bombs in his car.

Bremer said the Japanese suspect may have planned to use the bombs on the anniversary date.

In general, terrorist attacks in 1987 rose by 5.9 per cent over the 1985 figure — from 785 to 832, according to figures compiled by Bremer's office.

Australia lures rich foreigners

By David Huynh

SYDNEY, (Reuters): Australia is promoting a plan to lure rich foreign settlers as part of a new immigration policy.

Government officials said the Business Migration Programme (BMP) introduced six months ago would at least match similar campaigns in New Zealand, the United States and Canada to attract foreign wealth.

The Federal Immigration Department said it would give business migrants priority over those wishing to enter the country under non-business categories, including family reunions.

The government has given permission to about three dozen "immigration brokers" — mostly legal and accountancy firms — to help cut red tape and speed up procedures.

Applicants screened by these agents and certified as legitimate and genuine migrants were almost certain to receive visas allowing them to stay permanently, government officials said.

The brokers would help privacy-conscious business people bypass the Australian embassy and deal directly with them.

Innovative

Davie, who is also director of a legal firm, said the government's policy of a "self-regulated industry" was innovative and far-sighted.

Immigration Minister Clyde Holding said earlier this month Australia would increase its annual migrant intake this year to 132,000 from 120,000 in 1987. But the focus would be on the BMP and people with skills the

country needed.

The government dismissed criticism that the programme was aimed at raising funds by selling off permanent residency visas to rich foreigners.

"Somebody could come along with \$5 million and we could reject them if we don't think they will benefit Australia," a senior immigration official said.

"Business migrants must bring in money to set up businesses that would benefit the Australian economy through the creation of jobs and new technology, he said.

Entry

Many consultants said applicants under the BMP were almost certain to gain entry if they had at least 500,000 Australian dollars (\$370,000) and a reasonable business and character record.

In other categories, only one in 15 gain permanent resident status.

Some agents said the BMP could lead to abuse because it did not require migrants to report commercial progress and activities after their entry into Australia.

For example, migrants could take out short-term loans in their countries and then repatriate the funds after arrival in Australia, they said.

Bernard McInerney, chairman of an accountancy firm, said: "I feel there has to be constant monitoring of these migrants to ensure they live up to the requirements."

"If the authorities do not do that, then I believe ill-feelings will build up among the Australian public against these people. And that's a good recipe for failure," he said.

The Immigration Department said it would revamp the present monitoring system to ensure that business migrants provided regular returns on their business ventures.

Britain's political tradition

Question time in Parliament

By Maggie Jackson

LONDON, (AP): At 3.15 pm most Tuesdays and Thursdays, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher marches into Parliament for one of Britain's liveliest political traditions — question time.

The gallery is packed as Thatcher, with opposition lawmakers amid a roar of shouts, hoots and interjections by other members of parliament.

Millions have heard question time through audio tapes released to radio and TV stations. But from this fall, Britons at home will be able to see question time for the first time, following a Commons decision to let in TV cameras.

The speaker of the house, Bernard Weatherill, best known for crying "order, order," during sessions, says he thinks question time may quiet down when television enters the chamber, on a trial basis, for six months.

"I think the new stars are likely to be the reasonable members," he told the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Opponents argue that TV will encourage showing off. Strathclyde University in Scotland has offered to teach lawmakers how to perform for television for £150 pounds (\$238) a day, but says no one has yet signed up.

Thatcher brings a thick notebook of answers to question time, packed with statistics and policy statements to hurl at the shouting parliament members. Fifteen minutes later she departs, tempers cool, and the House of Commons begins its business for the day.

Born in 1921 to allow lawmakers to obtain information, question time has developed into a test of a minister's mettle and, some say, a publicity show.

Other ministers also must undergo such interrogation. But the prime minister's question time is easily parliament's most uproarious feature. In 1901 a house leader called it a "scandal," and today, many say it is more furious than ever.

"It's turned into a kind of gladiatorial battle," says London School of Economics Professor Alan Beattie, a specialist in parliament. "It's very noisy and very crude."

"It's become waste of time," says Tim Dalyell, a Labourite expelled from the house for five days last year for calling Thatcher "liar" in parliament. "It's hulla-balloo."

The curtain rises on question time, a mixture of ancient pomp

and modern informality that sometimes seems like theatre, as 62-year-old Thatcher takes her seat on the government side of the house. Lawmakers lounge on their green leather pew-like benches sit up alert.

Question from Ron Davies of the opposition Labour Party:

"In her endeavour to re-establish the bonds of family life, has the prime minister ever given any consideration to the value of a wife? Is she aware that the Forestry Commission ... is offering in compensation £2 per week for each keeper's wife?"

"Given that the Forestry Commission pays the same keepers 45 pence a week for a ferret (to track rabbits) and 2.300 pounds a week for a dog (to track intruders), should she not intervene?"

Thatcher replies: "I think the honourable gentleman will be aware that the budget set out considerably to help wives ... we on this side value them very highly."

The sound and fury rises steadily, and by the time Labour leader Neil Kinnock begins criticising Thatcher's welfare reforms, her voice is barely audible.

Futile

She calls Kinnock's remarks "utterly futile," as lawmakers scream "answer the question," "you're wrong."

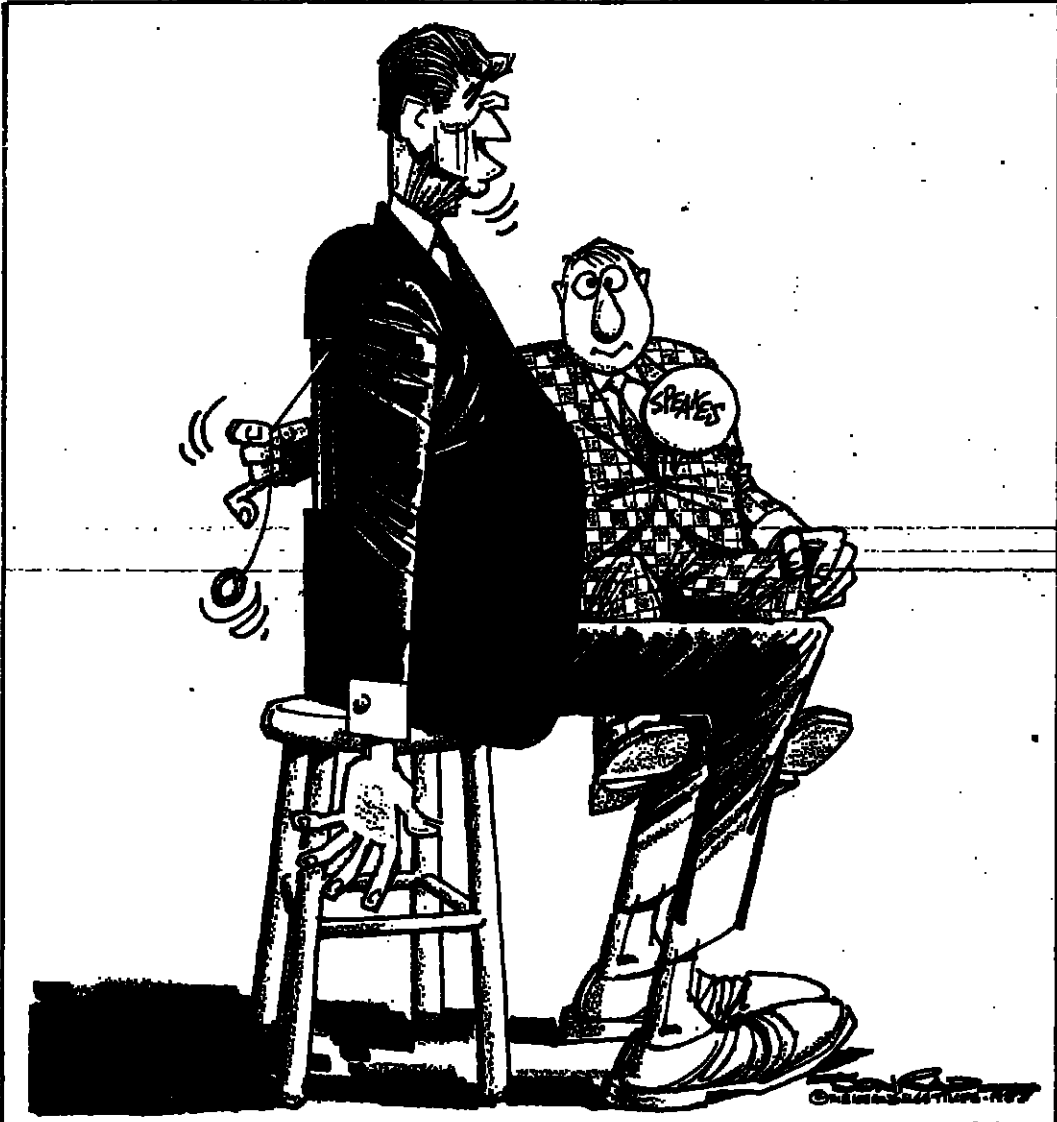
Thatcher's heavy on statistics for her replies, while some of her predecessors have preferred barbed repartee.

The late Winston Churchill was once asked: "Is the prime minister aware of the deep concern felt by the people of this country at the whole question of the Korean conflict?" To which Churchill snarled: "I am well aware of the deep concern felt by the honourable member in many matters above his comprehension."

Thatcher's near-decade in power has led to frustration in opposition ranks, and her personality has caused more friction than perhaps any other British leader, Beattie says.

"The strategy she adopts is that you don't worry if the opposition hates you, you worry about whether your own side thinks you've won," says Beattie. "She certainly adds an element of abrasion."

Some day speakers tolerate more disorder both in debate and question time to ensure the protection of minority party rights, a practice which they say has led to increased unruliness throughout the house.



America suffers setback in C.America

By Norbert Schnorbach

MEXICO CITY, (DPA): The United States has in recent weeks suffered a stunning string of setbacks in Central America. Washington's best-laid plans for Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama have taken a beating.

Mexico and Guatemala have criticised US interference in the region with unusual sharpness. American military intervention in Panama and Honduras has set off a wave of protest throughout Latin America.

Anti-Americanism has experienced a sudden revival in a region rich in conflict. When Honduras shut schools and universities recently following bloody protests against American policy, observers saw a turning point.

Loyalty

The deaths of a number of demonstrators outside the US embassy, the destruction of property on the mission's grounds and the shouts of "Americans out" were unmistakable signs that resistance to the superpower has grown in the former banana republic.

Honduras had been considered Washington's closest ally in the region, loyal to the point of self-denial. But the once warm feeling towards the powerful northern neighbour has "turned uneasy if not downright hostile," as the Los Angeles Times noted.

American observers contend that Washington can no longer even depend on the loyalty of the Honduran military.

"Recent anti-US rioting ... was the result of pent-up frustration over what is seen as the

arrogance of US policy toward the country," the Christian Science Monitor commented.

The unrest was triggered by the dispatch in March of 3,200 US troops to protect Contra rebels on the Nicaragua border and by the extradition of a suspected drugs kingpin. Both actions angered Hondurans who interpreted them as violations of Honduran sovereignty.

In El Salvador the Christian Democrats suffered a humiliating loss in parliamentary elections following President Jose Napoleon Duarte's failure, in spite of massive American assistance over many years, to defeat or come to terms with leftist guerrilla forces in the country's bloody civil war.

The defeat was seen as a massive setback for Washington which has pumped more than \$3 billion into El Salvador since 1980 in support of the rightwing government.

Accord

Victory went to the rightwing extremist party of secret service ex-major Roberto d'Aubuisson, who is suspected of close ties with the notorious death squads. Washington has repeatedly denied him entry to the United States. His party now plans to expel US military advisers.

"The elections ... will likely stir further American discussion about whether the main enemy in El Salvador is the guerrilla or the death squads," wrote the Washington Post.

Meanwhile, Nicaragua and Panama are giving Washington officials migraines. In Managua last month, the government and the Contras sealed their first ceasefire accord. In so doing,

they frustrated President Reagan's long-held hope of toppling the Sandinistas.

"Reagan appears likely to leave office with the political situation in Nicaragua essentially the same as in 1981," noted Newsweek.

It quoted an American diplomat with the words: "You could have had this outcome without ever organising the Contras ... We've had seven years of bloodshed for nothing."

In Panama, Washington has been stymied in its efforts to unseat military strongman and former Central Intelligence Agency operative Manuel Antonio Noriega. He has clung to power for weeks in spite of

massive US pressure.

But American sanctions and threats have had the curious effect of hardening opposition to US presence in the country. In the view of many experienced observers, chaos looms.

In Latin America, numerous countries have raised their voices against American military intervention in Central America. The presidents of Mexico and Guatemala have issued the sharpest criticism, with Mexico's Miguel de la Madrid charging Washington with "systematic violation of the law, economic aggression, military intimidation and interference in the internal affairs" of Central American nations.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1660 — Peace of Oliva is signed, ending war between Brandenburg, Poland, Austria and Sweden.
- 1814 — France's King Louis XVIII returns to Paris after allied forces defeat Napoleon Bonaparte.
- 1833 — Turkey recognises independence of Egypt and cedes Syria and Aden to Mehmet Ali.
- 1841 — New Zealand is formally proclaimed a British colony.
- 1849 — Prussians suppress revolt in Dresden.
- 1859 — France declares war on Austria.
- 1898 — Bread riots erupt in Milan, Italy, and are crushed with heavy loss of life.
- 1917 — British launch fresh attacks at Arras, France, to break Hindenburg line in World War I.
- 1945 — Allied troops enter Hamburg, Germany, in World War II.
- 1963 — Government crisis in Syria threatens recently agreed union of Syria, Iraq and United Arab Republic.
- 1972 — Turkish guerrillas hijack Turkish plane and land in Sofia, Bulgaria.
- 1987 — Sri Lanka government orders judicial inquiry into May Day confrontation in which two protesters were shot to death.

Jeff ...

Researchers hope for a better understanding of lions habits in Zambia

On good terms with the king of the jungle

By Keith Henderson

NEW YORK: I'd much rather face a lion.

That's how Delia Owens feels about the poachers she and her husband, Mark, will have to confront as they pursue wildlife research in Zambia's Luangwa National Park.

Lions, by contrast, are old friends. During seven years of work in the remote Kalahari region of neighbouring Botswana, this personable couple—he from Ohio, she a Georgian—grew to know and love dozens of lions.

They darted and tagged them to trace their migrations. The big cats became individuals, complete with names—bones, whom they nursed back to health after a badly broken leg, stand-offish Chary, ever-curious Sassy. Lions frequented their camp, slept a few yards from their tent, "borrowed" their food.

Brown hyenas provided other memorable hours in the Kalahari. These rare, elusive animals had been thought to be solitary scavengers. Mark and Delia discovered, instead, a complex, clanlike social structure among them, with hierarchies, territories, and cooperative cub care.

"We were working with naive animals—they'd had no experience with man," says Delia.

Not that the researchers were never afraid. It's pretty clear when a lion is scrutinising you as a possible meal, Mark explains. They crouch and stalk. Then it's time to wave, shout—anything to show you're not some odd variety of antelope.

But the basic lesson is respect. "The relationships we developed with the animals and their reactions to us" largely depend on how we've treated them," Mark observes.

The Botswana episode in the Owens' eventful lives was encapsulated in a recent National Geographic television special on PBS, "African Odyssey." It was fully documented in their 1984 best-selling book, "Cry of the Kalahari" (Houghton-Mif-

flin, \$7.95).

Over the past two years, a new episode has begun for them, one hinted at in the second half of the TV show. They've indeed found a new home in Luangwa National Park, a chunk of near-pristine Africa, where they can settle and observe surrounding wildlife—including buffaloes, elephants, and zebras, species not found in the arid Kalahari. There, as in Botswana, they hope a better understanding of the animals' habits and needs can lead to more effective conservation efforts.

But as the Owens explain, the prospect of living and working in the park is hardly as idyllic as viewers who saw the special may have concluded. Their tasks in Zambia will be "much more dangerous" than their work in Botswana, says Mark.

Poachers may see the researchers as threats to their livelihood, so they'll probably need guns at their camp. They may even need to arm themselves at times, they concede.

In Botswana's uninhabited, desertlike outback, life was "very, very hard," says tall, bearded Mark. "We nearly died out there. We didn't have enough to eat—you couldn't buy enough to eat, let alone afford it."

In 1974 they started out with \$6,000, their life's savings, barely enough to buy air fare, a clanking old Land-Rover, a couple of tents, and basic food and fuel. Withering drought, furnace-like temperatures, wildfires, poisonous snakes, tearing brambles, and hungry insects awaited them.

"We were just so determined to go," Delia affirms, explaining how they surmounted odds. "And there's no way I'd change a minute of it," Mark chimes in.

In sharp contrast to their Botswana beginnings, the Owens have headed into Zambia with three trucks, an airplane, and a full complement of supplies—thanks to financial backing from the Frankfurt Zoological Society. They also have their "first house" in 15 years of marriage, notes Delia with a broad grin—a mud



Zoologists Delia and Mark Owens cradle a wild cub

wattle hut.

But they also have something else they didn't have in that barren, awe-inspiring place—relatively close human neighbours, the Zambian villagers who live on the perimeter of the park. And that's a crucial difference. People have to be an integral part of the Owens' work in Luangwa National Park.

A few of these people have been recruited as elephant poachers serving the international smuggling rings that deal in ivory. Some may poach antelopes for food. Many are likely to resent having a large slice of their ancestral surroundings—the park—declared off limits.

"Colonial governments and those since have simply said,

"Out! You can't live there anymore," says Mark. You can imagine how they feel, Delia adds, when they see the occasional big-game hunter go in and bring out trophies and meat that they and their children can't legally touch.

Start Diana McMeekin, vice-president of the African Wildlife Foundation, insists that the hearts of local people have to be won over to any conservation effort. "An education programme invariably goes along with anything we do. You have to convince people that they're not being kept out of a park as punishment," she says.

The Owens have made a start in this direction. They've gone to the villages on the fringe

of the Luangwa park and invited villagers to go "on safari" for a day, taking them through the preserve.

"That has to be the key," Mark affirms, a look of urgency creasing his rugged face. "People around the Parks have to see them as a source of reward."

A pragmatist, Mark is also not opposed to allowing limited culling of herding wild animals as a food resource for local people. They have to see the animals as of direct value to them, he reasserts. "The chiefs and the headmen will take care of the poachers once they realise it's their resource that's being destroyed."

The Owens believe that misdirected foreign aid sometimes works against Africans' recognition of the value of wildlife. They say it was the expansion of an aid-subsidised cattle industry in Botswana that led to the kill-off of many thousands of wildebeests there. Their resulting protest was probably the reason Botswana expelled them in 1985.

The Owens have since mended their relations with Botswana and been allowed to revisit the Kalahari.

Frequently, badly directed aid has been a factor in Africa's environmental problems, says Ms. McMeekin, who lived in Botswana for a number of years.

Too often with aid projects, she continues, "no one has backed off and asked, 'Is this really good for the country?'"

The World Bank, for one, is starting to do that. Francois Falloux heads a unit charged with assessing the environmental impact of aid projects in Africa. "A special type of tourism, ecological tourism," is one way wildlife might be utilised as an economic resource for many African nations, he notes.

That, in fact, is what Mark Owens has in mind for Luangwa Park—a kind of unintrusive tourism, "walking safaris," he calls it, that would put visitors in close contact with animals, but only to observe and perhaps photograph.

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Revival of an extinct species

By Christopher Munnion

EXTINCTION may not, as conservationists believe, be forever. If an experiment at a breeding station at Robertson in South Africa's Cape Province proves successful, the quagga—like the dodo a symbol of man's capacity to destroy his fellow creatures—may once again roam the plains of the Karoo.

The quagga, described by an early traveller as "half zebra, half horse" was once so abundant in the southern African veld that the gentlemen sportsmen of the Victorian era boasted of "bagging" up to 100 in one shoot.

To the fair, the main cause of its extinction was the encroachment of white settlers within their grazing stock, their fences and the need to provide cheap meat for native labour. The hunters merely executed the coup de grace. The last known quagga died alone, of natural causes, in the Amsterdam Zoo in 1893.

Such was the lack of awareness of the quagga's plight that the Cape authorities issued a proclamation to protect the species two years after that lonely death in Amsterdam.

When science finally turned its attention to the extinct animal there was little to go on. The only photographs of a live

quagga were those of a rather forlorn specimen, a mare, that lived for a time in the London Zoological Gardens. It showed the animal to be striped on the head and neck with the pattern yielding to plain brown on the near quarters.

Had the quagga been a horse with a zebra's head? Or a zebra with a horse's hind quarters? Even the name had caused much confusion. Was it kwakka, quacha, kwagga or quagga? Scientists finally opted for quagga with the gg soft as in loch. It is now generally accepted that the name derived from the Hottentot imitation of the distinctive "kwa-ha" bark of the animal.

Some scientists, like Debra K. Bennett, argued that the quagga was more closely related to the horse. She entitled her thesis Stripes Do Not a Zebra Make. Others believed that the quagga was a subspecies of the African Plains, or Burchell's, zebra.

Among the latter was Reinhold Rau, chief taxidermist at the South African Museum in Cape Town. The only extant quagga skin in its homeland was a crudely mounted foal at the museum. Rau found that the skin had not been properly cleaned or tanned.

"The careless treatment of this skin more than 100 years earlier was to lead to the most exciting and important result of the whole project," Rau recalls.

Small amounts of dried-out muscle, blood vessels and other soft tissue were recovered and he sensed that these could help resolve some of the mysteries of the quagga. For 10 years he sounded out scientists around the world.

Then in 1980, while Rau was remounting three quaggas at the Natural History Museum in Mainz, Dr Oliver Ryder, a geneticist at the San Diego Zoo in California, wrote asking for more information.

A delighted taxidermist sent the tissues and dried blood to California. There Ryder shared the research with Russell Higuchi in Allan Wilson's evolutionary biochemistry laboratory at Berkeley for analysis of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid or the "protein of life") and with Jerold Lowenstein of the University of California for radio-immunoassay of fossil proteins.

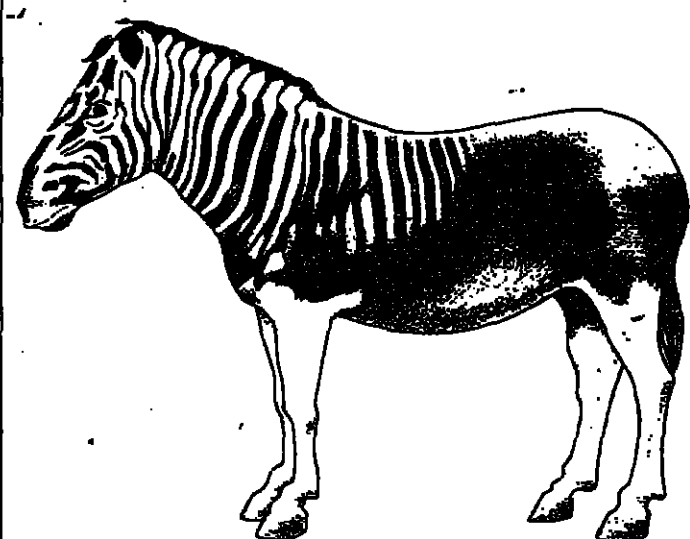
The scientists cloned the fragments and, working independently, reached the same conclusion: as Rau had suspected, the quagga was a sub-species of the Plains zebra.

The finding caused great excitement in Cape Town. Plains zebra exist in healthy numbers in many areas of southern Africa. This meant that the main gene-pool was still available for re-breeding the quagga without the introduction on any extraneous genes. The extinct quagga could be re-created.

The Quagga Experimental Breeding Committee was established. Rau accompanied a game capture team to the Etosha Game Reserve in South West Africa where, from 2,500 zebras, he selected eight with reduced striping and a dark basic colour.

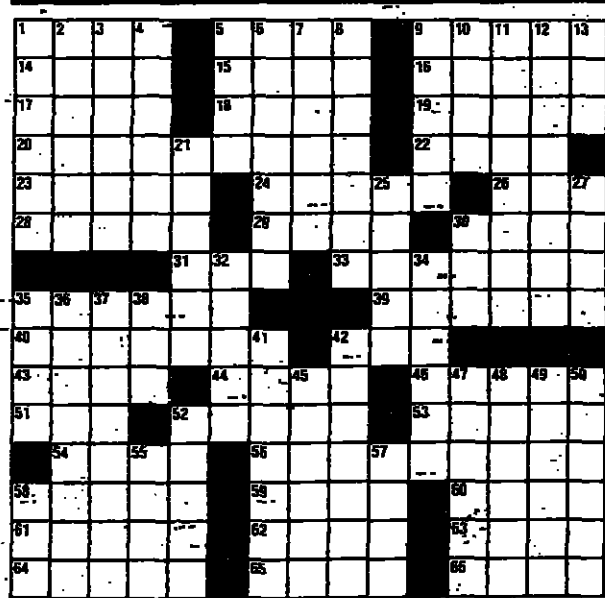
These were moved to Robertson. Soon they will be joined by other Plains zebra—selected from herds in Zululand. The first foal from the breeding herd of some 30 mares and stallions is expected before the end of the year. Within perhaps 10 years, the team is confident it will have a breeding herd of replica quaggas.

Dr Genff McLachlan, a member of the team, says: "We are working to reintroduce a species whose extinction was caused by man."



The quagga described as a half zebra, half horse, is a symbol of man's capacity to destroy his fellow creatures.

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q943 ♥ 7 ♦ AQ65 ♣ KJ52

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have a hand which might produce a slam in any one, or all, of three suits. Since you are not in a position to select either the strain or the level, tell partner of your good hand by cue-bidding four hearts.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q82 ♥ 85 ♦ K107 ♣ Q876

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—When partner doubles for takeout at the three-level, he expects to find you with some 6-8 points. You hold just your fair share of the outstanding points, so don't do any more than simply respond three spades.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ AQ10952 ♥ 8 ♦ KJ6 ♣ K95

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Opposite a three-level takeout double, you have a magnificent hand, especially since partner has guaranteed spade support. Don't beat around the bush. Ask for aces via Blackwood. Your only quandary is whether to go for a grand slam should partner hold all the missing aces.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q9852 ♥ KJ9 ♦ Q103 ♣ J5

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

3 ♥ Dbl Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—With a sure spade fit, it might seem that three or four spades would be the recommended action. However, with half of your values in the enemy suit, three no trump seems more logical. Your spades will be a source of tricks at no trump as well.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AKJ10 ♥ 95 ♦ K107 ♣ AK97

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ — Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have a close decision between two no trump and one spade. Since all your values are prime, your hand should play better in a suit than in no trump. Therefore, we would opt for one spade; should partner pass, it's unlikely that you have missed a game.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AJ54 ♥ 83 ♦ K72 ♣ KQ63

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ — Pass 1 ♥ — Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Despite the great disparity in strength between this hand and the previous example, the correct rebid is still one spade. This time, however, there isn't even a second choice. Never suppress a reasonable four-card suit at the one-level in favor of bidding one no trump.



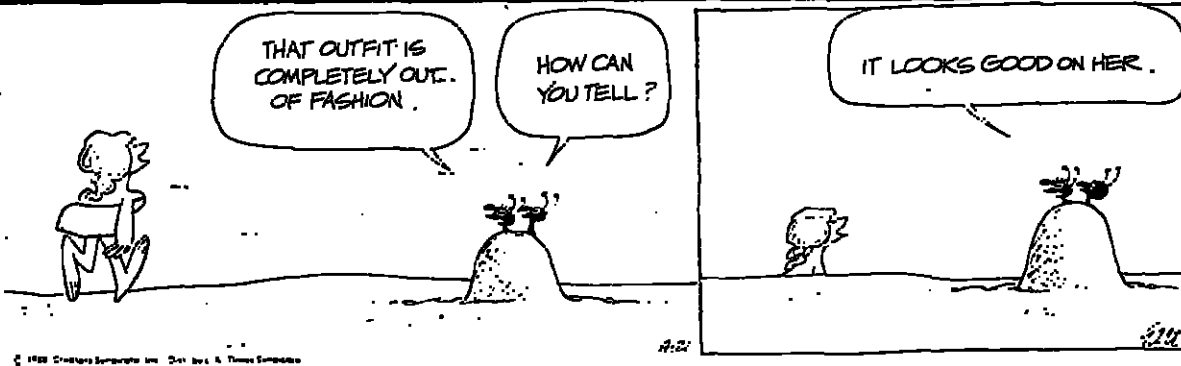
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YOUR STARS




Aries (March 20 - April 18)
You will feel a lot better than you have done of late. You will not have time to do all you want to do so concentrate on what is essential. Devote more time to your partner. Be cordial.




Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
You should avoid doing anything that is not quite proper. Avoid parking where you know it is forbidden. Better fewer things well done than more things half done. Be tactful.




Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)
The moon's influence will help you to stay on good terms with your colleagues. You should make sure you do not say more than you intended. Avoid driving too close to others. Be more observant.




Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)
You will have a lot to do and have no time just to daydream. You should concentrate on doing what is practical — theorising is to be avoided just now. You should not jump to conclusions. Be moderate.




Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
There will be some confusion and you should do all you can to minimise it. You should do your best to adapt to what cannot be changed. Do not exaggerate the importance of a small obstacle. Be considerate.




Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)
The influences are mixed and you should stick strictly to the rules. You will be able to do something you enjoy doing. Make sure you do not exceed spending limits. Be alert.




Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You will be able to make good progress with an important project. Have a little more patience when dealing with a family member. You should make sure you do not get badly into debt. Be reasonable.




Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Although at first you will not know quite what to do you will soon find the answer. Spend a little more time at home and a little less time socialising. Do not think you have no more to learn.




Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You will have a little difficulty with someone close to you. However if you keep calm all will be well. Do not allow negative thoughts to dominate. Be sensible.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)
Do not delay something that should be done right away. Avoid wasting time and energy on secondary matters. Do not just hope for the best and trust to luck. Be cautious.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
The moon's influence will help you to make the right decision. Do not be tardy in declaring your love. Avoid being excessively cynical. Be a little more polite.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)
Something you thought was not possible will turn out to be so, but only if you work hard. Others will not behave quite as you expected they would. Have the courage of your convictions.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Investor confidence soars

No recession on the horizon, says Fed economist

By Keith Wells

KUWAIT Economic Society hosted a lecture on Sunday night by Patrick J. Lawer, Senior Economist to the Board of Governors of the US Federal Reserve System. The lecture was attended by many senior economists and officials from the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank, Kuwait University, the commercial banks and several leading investment companies.

Speaking without notes, Lawer presented a marvellously lucid exposition of the stock market crash last October and the way in which it was handled by various government agencies. Beginning with the causes of the crash, Lawer said that the easy answer was that it happened because stock prices were too high.

From the depths of the 1982 recession the Dow had risen from 760 to 2,700 by August 1987. There were very good reasons behind this rise since profits had also risen enormously. Moreover, such a long rise on the market had created tremendous investor confidence.

Investment People simply felt that the good times would go on indefinitely and so became trapped in certain habits of investment that had paid off well over the previous five years, even though the fundamental situation had changed.

Another factor which Lawer pinpointed was that foreign investors' confidence had also increased during that period so that they moved from more cautious investments, like short-

term treasury bills, into American equities, particularly during the first half of 1987. This gave added impetus to the surge in stock prices.

The final ingredient was the existence of Portfolio Insurance which institutions used to cover their exposure to equities without having to actually dis-invest.

Liquidity The institutions obviously felt that Portfolio Insurance would give them more liquidity, but in the event the crash cut liquidity dramatically and portfolio insurance both added to the disaster, by triggering automatic sales, and also failed to fulfil its main aim of insuring against losses. The result has been the virtual disappearance of portfolio insurance from the markets after the crash.

"During the crash itself," Lawer continued, "The Fed's most important concern was that the drop in prices was too rapid for the system to cope and might cause the financial system itself to collapse."

"The crash did not affect the real wealth of the country as such," he asserted, "Although, obviously individual people and institutions did lose a lot of money in a hurry. However, the speed of the fall was our greatest concern, because if major firms cannot make settlements, then those who should have received those monies will also be unable to honour their other commitments. Then the banks will suffer, there will be defaults and ultimately what people described as a financial melt-down will occur."

Having described the causes of the crash, Lawer turned to the



Patrick J. Lawer, Senior Economist at the US Federal Reserve.

steps taken by the Fed to control the situation. After the lecture, in answer to a question about whether the Fed had seen the crash coming, Lawer remarked wryly, "In August 87, when Alan Greenspan took over as Chairman of the Fed, he asked me to write some research papers on what the Fed could do in terms of a crash." As it happened, Lawer's earlier recommendations were put into effect sooner than he had anticipated and with excellent results.

The first step was to pump as much liquidity into the system as necessary to ensure that there was plenty of money around to make all the necessary settlements.

Secondly, and more informally, the Fed talked to the banks and other major lenders to

urge them to apply the normal rules of lending and not to panic and demand settlements. The Fed made it clear that it would provide back-up credit facilities to any major institutional lender that needed it. Most importantly, the Fed lowered interest rates to ease the burden on borrowers.

Effects

Lawer then turned to the question of the effects of the crash on the economy as a whole. "It did have some effect on the economy as a whole, consumer spending retreated and savings rates seemed to have increased. However, the US economy seems to have been much stronger than we thought at the time, and although we expected at least a small recession to follow the crash, there hasn't been one. Nor do we see one on the horizon."

For the final part of his lecture, Lawer turned to the problem of what can be done to prevent such crashes from happening again. "There was an immediate temptation to bring in new regulations, even if we don't quite understand how, or if, they would work in practice," he confessed.

Payments

The first area to be looked at closely concerned margin payments. The stock market has subsequently doubled margins in both the cash market and the futures market in the hope that this will solve the problem.

The other solution which was much discussed, concerned so-called circuit breakers, or trading halts, when the market would be closed in the event of a dramatic fall, in order to give people time to cool down.

Lawer argued strongly that with the current inter-relatedness of the world's markets, any such trading halts should be coordinated internationally if they were to be really effective.

He went on to express strong doubts about the usefulness and effectiveness of such trading halts. "If you shut down the market, then you stop people from selling at the very time they most want to sell. There is also another factor to consider, that if you have a mandatory trading halt when, say, the Dow drops 300 points, then if it drops 240 points, many people will be afraid that the fall will continue and they will then be unable to sell. Therefore, they will maybe sell earlier than they would otherwise have done, in order to avoid being cut off by the trading halt. This will increase the pressure to sell and so defeat its own purpose."

Confidence

The most important factor in favour of trading halts is the idea that it helps to increase investors' confidence, in which case it is a good idea. Politically, the exchanges were under a lot of pressure from Congress to "do something." The Fed itself has resisted this pressure and the stock exchanges are due to report on the steps they have decided to take, in mid-May.

Already, computer trading has been banned whenever there has been a 50 point fall in the Dow. However, Lawer concluded by repeating his opinion that any such circuit breakers must be coordinated with both Tokyo and London where many US stocks are also traded. The meeting was then thrown

open to a lively question and answer session. Dr Imad Moussa of the Kuwait Investment Corporation argued that the Fed was merely treating the symptoms, not the causes, of the crash. Lawer agreed, saying that the Fed's major tool was interest rate. "Our main role is to avoid recessions without increasing inflation by manipulating the interest rates," he explained.

Another questioner asked Lawer to talk about the similarities and differences between the October crashes in 1987 and 1929. "Although price movements during the August to October period were remarkably similar in both years, the actual fall on the day of the crash was much steeper in '87," Lawer explained.

"Some people say this was due to new technology, but I disagree, after all, we've had stock tickers, telephones and telegraphs for about a hundred years. Besides, the new technology was irrelevant on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday because the volume was so great, the Dow was always lagging behind."

Traders

"Another difference was that the majority of traders in 87 were institutions, not individual, and were therefore better able to sustain their losses. The Fed avoided the mistakes of 1929 when liquidity was shut off entirely, by pumping money into the system to cope with the aftermath of the crash. Also, the US government has so far avoided any restrictive Trade Bill. Finally, the US economy was a lot stronger in 1987, whereas in 1929 it was already in recession."

Kohl warns US Congress over trade bill

BONN, May 2. (Reuters) West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, reacting to a trade bill approved this week by the US Congress, was quoted on Saturday as saying that a trade war would be a disaster for both sides.

"I can only hope the legislative bodies in the United States understand that a trade war, whoever starts it, will make losers of all of us, and that a settlement will be found through sensible talks," he said in an interview with the British-based private cable television station Sky Channel.

A text of the interview was released to Reuters in Bonn yesterday. Congress passed on Wednesday the 1,100-page trade bill, aimed at prying open foreign markets shielded by allegedly unfair trade practices, earlier this week. The White House says President Reagan will veto it.

Wall In the text of his interview released in Bonn, Kohl said he did not believe in erecting a protectionist wall around the European Economic Community, but added, "I also don't believe in erecting a protectionist fence around the United States."

He said West Germany, which exports around one-third of its industrial production, was in the vanguard of the fight against protectionism.

Arabian Oil Company boosts production

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, May 2. (AP) The Arabian Oil Company reported today a 5.9 per cent increase in its 1987 production, compared to that of 1986.

In its annual report, the company said its 1987 production stood at 95.97 million barrels, reflecting an average daily output of 262,958 barrels.

A Japanese consortium owns 80 per cent of the Arabian Oil Company, with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait sharing the rest.

Sixty per cent of the company's production is shared equally by the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, both prominent members of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

At the end of 1987, the company had 136 of the 169 wells operating at the Khafji field and 25 of the 37 producing at the Hout field, the report said.

Concession The Khafji field, in a zone divided between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, is an extension of the Safiniya field in the northern part of a concession held by the Arabian American Oil Company, Aramco, the main oil producer in Saudi Arabia.

Aramco's output dropped in 1987 by 15 per cent to 1.456 billion barrels, or an average daily output of 3,991 million barrels, according to Aramco's annual report released last week.

Opec fails to clinch accord

Saudis welcome collapse of talks on oil cutbacks

VIENNA, Austria, May 2. (AP) Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister said today he was pleased by the collapse of Opec talks on a proposed token cut in oil production.

"It is a very happy ending to a full week of very hard bargaining," the minister, Hashim Nazer, told reporters as he left the final session this morning.

The comment illustrated Saudi Arabia's hardline stance against production cuts that could boost oil prices. Iran, which relies on oil to finance its war with Iraq, would be a chief beneficiary of higher prices.

Last Tuesday, the Saudi government broke diplomatic relations with Iran, accusing Tehran of terrorism and subversion.

Negotiations Oil markets were expected to react swiftly to the breakdown of negotiations over ways of coordinating Opec output cuts with a group of six rival producers.

Saudi Arabia led a minority of four organisation members opposing a proposed production cut of 300,000 barrels a day, or about 2 per cent of the group's total output.

The cuts were to be made in conjunction with the six non-Opec producers, who offered to reduce their output by 5 per cent, or about 200,000 barrels a day — if the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries would do

likewise. Failure by Opec to decide on a response to the offer was likely to draw criticism from the independent producers, who met with an Opec committee in Vienna last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Abdullah Lukman, Opec president, said the organisation leaders would resume their debate on possible cuts in production at their regular session, scheduled to begin on June 8 in Vienna.

"More time is required to clarify some of the points of the offer," Lukman told a news conference this morning.

He said that in the meantime Opec members would abide by their assigned production quotas, which are scheduled to expire on June 30.

The quotas, agreed last December, are designed to support an oil price of \$18. Opec prices have dropped several dollars below the target price this spring, however, prompting the organisation to seek collaboration with outside producers.

Although Opec oil ministers said they had agreed not to talk publicly about the breakdown, some could not hide their disappointment.

"I'd be much happier if we could have agreed on (production) cuts now," said Fawzi Shakhshuk, Libya's Oil Minister. Several ministers had said



Under the protection of Austrian police equipped with automatic rifles, the Kuwaiti Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah (right) arrives for Sunday's Opec ministers' meeting at the Vienna Opec building. (Reuters wirephoto)

prior to the final session that they would be deeply disappointed if the Saudis did not drop their opposition to the planned cutbacks.

"A majority of ministers thinks an extra effort should be made by Opec to come to an agreement with (non-Opec)

countries," said one senior organisation official, speaking on condition he was not identified.

"This is the golden opportunity we've been waiting for 10 years," he added.

The six non-members observing the Opec talks were Mexico,

Egypt, China, Malaysia, Oman and Angola.

Opec has solicited the cooperation of independent producers since the start of this decade, when the development of a world oil glut began chipping away at Opec's ability to dictate prices.

Lawmakers vote to limit mineral mining to Brazilian firms

BRASILIA, Brazil, May 2. (AP) In a victory for Brazil's left, lawmakers rewriting Brazil's authoritarian constitution voted on Thursday to limit mineral mining to domestic companies.

However, legislators voted 303-156 to maintain present legislation allowing foreign participation in petroleum distribution.

Legislators sang the national anthem after the 343-126 vote on mineral mining. There were 17 abstentions.

Legislation

Companies such as subsidiaries of British Petroleum, Alcan and Alcoa and South Africa's Anglo-American Company were to have a five-year grace period to adapt to the new legislation.

Foreign-owned companies control 20 per cent of mining rights or requests for mining rights in Brazil. Private domestic companies own 52 per cent and state-run companies 18 per cent.

On the petroleum measure, a radical proposal would have closed out Royal Dutch-Shell, Atlantic Richfield, Texaco and Exxon from selling gas in Brazil. Foreign companies hold 55 per cent of the market here.

Taiwan sets up fund for lending to its poor neighbours

No capital increase needed, says ADB chief

MANILA, May 2. (AP) The Japanese president of the Asian Development Bank said yesterday the regional financial institutions have adequate funds and need no urgency for new capital called for by Japan.

Masao Fujioka made the statement in a news conference at the end of the 47-nation bank's 21st annual board meeting in Manila.

Also yesterday, Taiwan announced it has established a fund worth \$1 billion for lending to its poor neighbours.

The announcement was made by Chang Chai-Cheng, governor of the Bank of Taiwan, in a speech at the closing session of the ADB meeting.

Operations Chang said his government planned to release \$100 million for the fund's operations during its first year. He said Taiwan was interested in co-financing projects in poor Asian countries jointly with the 21-year-old, Manila-based ADB.

"We hope that this fund will contribute to regional economic cooperation and development, and further strengthen our relationships with other member-countries of the bank," Chang said.

The question of increasing the bank's authorised \$22.8-billion capital "is not a very imminent

matter, as we still have enough funds," Fujioka said. He added that member countries should await the results of a study expected to be completed next year on the proper role of the bank in coming years.

Increase Fujioka was commenting on a call by Bank of Japan Gov. Satoshi Sumita for an urgent capital increase, which the United States immediately opposed.

Japan and the United States are the biggest stockholders of the bank, with each one controlling 15 per cent of the total shares. The next largest shareholders are China with 7.1 per cent, India with 6.9 per cent and Australia with 6.3 per cent.

The bank is owned and controlled by 18 developed states and 29 developing Asian and Pacific countries. It was set up in 1966 as a source of concessional loans to hasten the region's economic development.

Delegates Financial analysts and Bank sources say that Japan, as the predominant economic power in the region, wants to increase its influence over the bank by acquiring more shares and the most votes at a time when the influence of the United States is waning because of budgetary restraints.

Most of the delegates to the meeting steered clear of the

capital increase issue. Philippine Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme supported Japan's recommendation, noting that the poorest of Asian countries would benefit from such a capital increase.

But Sweden and Thailand opposed the capital increase proposed by Japan, with the Thai delegate saying his government was against a hike that would alter the bank's vote structure.

In announcing the new Taiwan fund, Chang said the country was so economically prosperous it has become one of the 13 largest trading nations of the world. But its wealth has also become a problem and brought resentment from less prosperous countries, he said.

Problems "We are certainly not without our share of problems, and one of them is especially perplexing," he said. "I am, of course, alluding to the persistent increase in our trade surplus, which has led to an excessive accumulation of foreign exchange reserves, now standing at more than \$74 billion."

Chang said Taiwan's foreign reserves are continuing to balloon despite a 40-per cent appreciation of its currency against the US dollar. He said the Taiwanese were worried because their prosperity "has led to rising protectionist sentiment on the

part of our deficit trading partners and to sharp increases in our money supply."

In other words, he said, Taiwan's basic problem was a case of "too much savings but insufficient investments."

Management But Chang also lashed out at the ADB management for changing his country's title from "Republic of China" to "Taipei, China" following the admission of the rival People's Republic of China as the bank's 47th member in 1986.

"We also wish to register our protest against any arbitrary change in designation of my country, which is a founding member of the ADB and a member in good standing by any criterion," said the Central Bank governor.

Taiwan boycotted the ADB meetings in 1986 and 1987, and Chang said its attendance at this meeting "does not imply in any way that we have accepted the redesignation." Throughout the meeting, Taiwanese delegates sat behind signs reading "under protest."

Last Wednesday, the Taiwanese covered with tape the word "Taipei" on their name tags and attended a pre-meeting reception wearing lapel pins showing the Taiwanese flag. The Chinese delegation protested the move as a "provocative act."

World Business Summary

Amoco wins new oil concession in Oman

MUSCAT, Oman, May 2. (AP) Amoco Oman Petroleum Co., an affiliate of the US oil company Amoco, won a tender for an oil prospecting concession in south Oman, the company said yesterday. The concession area is concentrated in the Wahiba sandy area where West Germany's Wintershall also is prospecting for oil, said an Amoco spokesman who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Foreign oil companies sign production sharing agreements with the government, which places responsibility for financing exploration on the foreign consortium. The terms of the Amoco contract are under discussion. Oman, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, trimmed oil production by 5 per cent to 536,750 barrels a day at the beginning of February in support of Opec's efforts to shore up world oil prices. Oil from south Oman is piped north to the Mina Al Fahal oil terminal near the capital Muscat for export. Tankers can call in safety without sailing through the Gulf, made hazardous by the Iran-Iraq war. Insurance rates on cargos, crews and ships are much lower than in the Gulf.

Latin debt problem will persist, says IMF

CARACAS, May 2. (Reuters) Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, said Latin America's debt problem would last longer than first predicted and its solution would depend on growth in debtor countries. Camdessus, arrived in the Venezuelan capital yesterday to address a seminar called "Latin America and the world economy," told reporters: "It will be necessary to live with the debt for much more time than was hoped at the beginning of the 1980s. 'What we are all searching for is a solution that will permit the debtor countries to grow, in spite of their debt — and to pay their debt, thanks to their growth,'" he added. Camdessus will address the seminar today. Also attending the three-day, closed-door conference will be Joao Baena Soares, secretary-general of the Organisation of American States, and Argentine Treasury Secretary Mario Brodersohn. During his visit, Camdessus will also meet senior economic officials in Venezuela, Latin America's fourth largest debtor which has foreign obligations of \$33.2 billion.

Last year, Venezuela rescheduled \$21.2 billion of public sector debt, in one of the few such accords in the region that did not require an IMF austerity programme.

Australia, India pledge more aid for S. Africa

HARARE, Zimbabwe, May 2. (AP) Australia, India and New Zealand have promised \$70 million as part of an increased aid package to black-ruled nations in Southern Africa, Botswana Vice-President Peter Mmusi said yesterday.

Mmusi, who arrived in Harare following a three-week tour of the Far East and Australasia, told a news conference that his delegation from the nine-nation economic alliance known as the Southern African Development Coordination Conference failed to persuade Japan to cut its growing trade ties with South Africa. The alliance rejected the argument of the Tokyo government that it could not control private businesses trading with white-led South Africa because of Japan's free market economic system. Mmusi told reporters before leaving for home.

He said Japan promised, however, send experts to Southern Africa soon, to assess the region's economic needs in addition to existing bilateral trade and aid. Mmusi is chairman of the council of ministers of Sadee, a group which aims to reduce the dependence of black-ruled nations on South Africa for trade and transport links. Mmusi said the new aid pledges from Australia, India and New Zealand signalled those nations' growing understanding of the objectives of South Africa's black neighbours.

The pledged \$70 million, Mmusi said, will be spent on regional cooperation projects and manpower training.

Surging imports push Japan's foreign trade surplus down

TOKYO, May 2. (AP) Surging imports pushed Japan's foreign trade surplus down more than \$7 billion in fiscal 1987 to \$94.23 billion, the Finance Ministry announced today. The trade surplus for the fiscal year, which ended March 31, was 7.2 per cent below the record \$101.65 billion surplus set the previous year, and the first decline since Japan's foreign trade began registering a surplus in 1981, a ministry official said. The country's current account surplus also plunged almost \$10 billion during the fiscal year for its first decline in six years, the ministry said. The current account is the broadest measure of a nation's commerce, including trade in goods and services as well as capital transfers. The ministry said the current account surplus registered \$84.54 billion in fiscal 1987, down from \$94.14 billion the previous year. Japan's trade surplus in March also declined from the previous year's level, marking the 11th consecutive monthly decline, the ministry said. During the month, the country's exports exceeded imports by \$9.24 billion, it said.

A breakdown of trade figures by country was not immediately available. "Exports are growing, but imports are increasing at a faster pace," the ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Although the higher value of the Japanese yen had an effect, the main cause of the fall in the trade surplus is the government's programme to boost imports."

The higher yen tends to make Japanese products more expensive and therefore less competitive overseas. In order to reduce trade friction, the government has tried to reduce the economy's dependence on exports and boost domestic demand. The ministry official said the composition of Japanese imports also has shifted, with a larger share now consisting of high-value manufactured goods rather than raw materials and resources.

Singapore, Malaysian economies see booming prospects: study

HONGKONG, May 2. (Xinhua) The Singapore and Malaysian economies have further to grow than their booming East Asian counterparts because of their comparatively later-starting booms and lagging growth compared with the other newly-industrialised countries or areas. The remark was made in a signed article carried by the local daily "South China Morning Post" today. It said the two economies were hurt in 1984 and 1985 by falling commodity and oil prices but have staged a remarkable comeback since 1985. The Singapore economy has grown since its 1985 collapse by 1.8 per cent in 1986, 9 per cent last year and 11 per cent so far this year, the article said. Direct foreign investment in Singapore has been growing as a result of the big incentives and tax breaks offered by the Singapore government to attract overseas investment, it said, adding that tourist arrivals, hotel occupancy rates and domestic demand in Singapore have also increased. The article said Singapore is rapidly changing its dependence on the North American market for its exports, and is turning to Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), which also includes Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

The Malaysian economy grew 4.7 per cent last year and is officially estimated to grow 5.5 per cent this year, the article said. Malaysia, it said, in the absence of commodity money, was forced to increase manufacturing and last year the value of manufactured exports was more than commodities for the first time ever.

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LAST
A BSCH CO	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
ATLANTIC R	88.5	88.5	88.5	88.5
AAR CORP	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0
AETNA LIFE	42.0	42.0	42.0	42.0
ALBERTSONS	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
ALCAN ALUM	27.6	28.0	27.6	28.0
ALCO STAND	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7
AM CYANAMID	50.6	50.6	50.6	50.6
AM ELET PU	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.7
AM HON PRO	79.5	79.5	79.5	79.5
AM STANARD	77.4	77.4	77.4	77.4
AM STORES	77.4	77.4	77.4	77.4
AM TEL-TEL	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.4
AMOCO CORP	78.1	78.1	78.1	78.1
AMP INC	47.4	47.4	47.4	47.4
AMPOC PITT	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2
AMR CORP	43.1	43.1	43.1	43.1
AMR GEN CO	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5
AMERADA H	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3
AMERICAN E	12.6	12.6	12.6	12.6
APACHE CO	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2
APACHE PET	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
ARMSTRONG	38.6	38.6	38.6	38.6
ASHLAND OIL	71.0	71.0	71.0	71.0
ASTA PACIF	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
ATLS CORP	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3
AVERT INC	22.2	22.2	22.2	22.2
AVON INC	23.1	23.1	23.1	23.1
AVON PRODS	31.2	31.2	31.2	31.2
BE L-HOM	63.4	63.4	63.4	63.4
BETH STEEL	20.2	20.2	20.2	20.2
BEVERLY	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
BK BOSTON	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4
BK BOSTN-A	48.6	48.6	48.6	48.6
BK N-YORK	30.3	30.3	30.3	30.3
BK TR-NY	30.6	30.6	30.6	30.6
BK AMERICA	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4
BKMAN SPEC	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
BOEING CO	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0
BOISE CASC	44.6	44.6	44.6	44.6
BORDEN	53.6	53.6	53.6	53.6
BORGWART	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
BR TELSON	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
BRIGGS-STR	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5
BRIST-MYER	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5
BRUNSWICK	23.3	23.3	23.3	23.3
BURUNDY CO	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4
C 3 INC	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
CABOT CORP	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.4
CAESARS HO	21.2	21.2	21.2	21.2
CA FREIGHT	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
CAS NAT GS	23.7	23.7	23.7	23.7
CATERPI TR	151.6	151.6	151.6	151.6
CBI IND	47.2	47.2	47.2	47.2
CENTEL CP	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.7
CENTRO DAT	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
CHAMP LNTL	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
CHAMP SPA	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
CHARTER CO	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7
CHASE MAN	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3
CHENED CP	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
CHEMIE NY	48.1	48.1	48.1	48.1
CHEVRON	23.1	23.1	23.1	23.1
CHRYSLER	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0
CHUBB CORP	55.7	55.7	55.7	55.7
CHUR FR CH	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4
CIGNA CORP	44.4	44.4	44.4	44.4
CIN MILACR	22.6	22.6	22.6	22.6
CIR CIT ST	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0
CIRCLE K	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3
CITICORP	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
CLARK EQUI	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
CLOREX	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CORNING RES	26.4	26.4	26.4	26.4
CORNING SP	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
CORNING	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
COASTAL	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1
COCA-COLA	38.1	38.1	38.1	38.1
COLECO	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
COLEMAN CO	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2
COLG-PALIN	44.1	44.1	44.1	44.1
COLT INDS	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
COLUM GAS	29.1	29.1	29.1	29.1

Dow Jones Plus Indices

IND	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	2,036.47	+ 4.14	2,036.47	2,032.49
TRANS	847.67	+ 5.67	847.67	841.70
UTILS	169.99	- 0.65	170.46	169.75
STOCKS	756.83	+ 1.89	756.83	754.76
NYSE COMP	147.80	- 7		
S-P COMPOSITE	261.40	+ 0.07		
NYSE-INDS	180.31	- 0.85		
AMEX INDEX	302.45	- 0.69		
NASD COMP	379.68	+ 0.45		
NASD BANKING	447.43	+ 0.92		
NASD FIN'L	452.41	- 0.22		
NASD INDS	391.74	+ 0.58		
S-P 100 INDEX	248.03	+ 0.29		

Wall Street Statistics Composite

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
K MART	33 1/2	UNCH		BERG B R	26 1/2	- 1/4	
CITICORP	20	UNCH		FST AUSTRA	8	+ 1/4	
AMER EXPR	23 3/4	- 1/4		NY TIMES	28 7/8	+ 1/8	
DIGITAL EQ	104 7/8	UNCH		BOLAR CO	25 1/8	UNCH	
WSTN UNION	3 1/8	- 1/8		BAILEY COR	1 7/8	UNCH	
REEDUC LTD	16 1/2	UNCH		MORALTON	4 7/8	+ 1/8	
BOEING	48	UNCH		ALFIN FRAG	3 5/8	- 1/8	
BANC ONE	23 1/2	- 1/8		TECHNOLOGY	2	- 1/8	
BRISTOL MY	40 5/8	UNCH					
EMERY AIR	6 1/8	UNCH					
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
ACHE ELEC	7 1/4	+ 1/8		FST AUSTRA	8	+ 1/4	
SO WST AIR	15 7/8	+ 1/4		BANKATLAN	4 7/8	+ 1/8	
CULBRO	46	+ 3/4		BOLAR CO	25 1/8	+ 1/4	
WSTN UNION	3 1/8	- 1/8		TECHNOLOGY	2	- 1/8	
ALLEN INTL	3 1/2	- 1/8		ALFIN FRAG	3 5/8	- 1/8	
NYSE VOLUME	570,100			AMEX VOLUME	16,200		
STOCKS UP	41			STOCKS UP	5		
STOCKS DOWN	42			STOCKS DOWN	5		
29-APR NASDAQ VOLUME	121,338,100						
STOCKS UP 1149							
STOCKS DOWN	876						

Wall Street Market Report

New York, May 2, Reuter — Wall Street stocks continued mixed to lower as they have been since the open. Falling oil prices, though hitting individual stocks with losses, are propping up the market amid a general lack of confidence and fear of volatile futures-related trading like last week's.

The Dow 30 was up four at 2036 but declining issues led gainers by about five to three.

American Cyanamid crept up 1/2 to 51-1/4. The company said it was unaware of rumours of a possible 65 cts per share takeover bid from a French concern.

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Argentina carries out banking reforms

ARGENTINA'S programme to increase the overall efficiency of its banking industry and enhance its ability to finance investment will be assisted by a quick-disbursing World Bank loan of \$400 million.

The main objectives of the programme are to increase deposit mobilisation and confidence in the banking system, improve credit allocation and reduce the cost of credit.

Low savings mobilisation through the banking system; financial difficulties in certain private and public banks; segmentation of deposit and credit markets, including substantial reserve requirements, forced investments and a large intermediation role of the Central Bank; and scarce and costly credit to the private sector, make it difficult to achieve efficiency in investment and growth.

Unstable

In the last 15 years, Argentina's financial sector has been unstable and experienced drastic policy changes.

The policy shifts, coupled with macroeconomic instability, have resulted in a weakened financial sector characterised by high real interest rates, large banking costs, and low financial savings.

The maturity of financial assets has shortened dramatically. Currently, maturities of over 30 days are considered long term in Argentina.

To increase the mobilisation of deposits, the government has recently eliminated all controls on savings and time deposit interest rates. As a result, lending rates on all loans financed with deposits have also been decontrolled. This is a major step in the deregulation of the banking industry.

The government will also establish an autonomous deposit insurance corporation — similar to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation of the United States or the Deposit Guarantee Fund of Spain — to assist the process of bank rehabilitation.

Credit

Improved credit allocation is expected to result from increased discretionary lending by banking intermediaries as well as the rationalisation of Central Bank rediscounts.

Finally, the cost of credit is expected to decline gradually as a result of the reduction of both the fiscal deficit and Central Bank losses, increased deposit mobilisation, the redimensioning of the system and the subsequent reduction of operating costs, reduction of reserve requirements and forced investments on incremental deposits, and increased efficiency of some public banks.

The bulk of the World Bank loan will be applied to all c.i.f. costs of eligible private and public sector imports.

Imports such as alcohol, tobacco, armaments, and goods already being financed by other World Bank loans cannot be purchased with funds from the loan.

The loan will be disbursed in two tranches, the first (\$199.5 million) soon after loan effectiveness and the second (\$200 million) after a review in nine months of the adjustment programme and an assessment of the country's macroeconomic situation.

The Argentine economy has the potential to recover from its current difficulties if adjustment policies to support medium-term growth are extended and strengthened, according to a recently published World Bank study, "Argentina: Economic Recovery and Growth."

The revival would be based on a strong programme of structural reforms supported by adequate external financing. The reforms would be directed towards the trade, financial and public sectors, together with a freer labour market.

The changes would be facilitated by "efficiency gains, an area in which Argentina has substantial room for improvement," says the report.

The study indicates that Argentina has failed to realise its economic potential in recent decades. The country's ranking among countries with similar levels of per capita gross domestic product has fallen steadily from among the most developed to close to the median.

When the government of President Raul Alfonsin came to power in late 1983, awaiting it were an economy in disarray, a large external debt, and a number of political difficulties.

Success

After attempts to stabilise the economy through orthodox (primarily demand management) policy measures failed, the "Austral Plan," named after the new currency introduced under the plan, was initiated in June 1985, at a time when prices were rising at a monthly rate of more than 30 per cent.

The plan combined some unorthodox measures, such as wage and price controls, with more traditional measures, such as reducing the public sector deficit and establishing a more favourable exchange rate to improve external and domestic balances.

Measures were taken to tighten monetary and fiscal controls, and set real interest rates to encourage savings and stem capital flight.

Steps were also taken to improve management of public enterprises by appointing technocrats as managers and strengthening government regulatory agencies and their oversight responsibilities.

By the first quarter of 1986, relative success against inflation and initial attempts to increase exports and redefine the role of the public sector were tempered by a poor medium-term outlook for economic growth.

The outlook was poor because many reforms remained to be undertaken, while tangible gains from policies to improve export prospects and stimulate private sector activity were slow in coming, says the World Bank study.

In March 1986, the government decided to relax the price freeze and move to a system of administered prices. This move was followed in April by the introduction of a series of mini-devaluations of the currency. Prices began to rise again in mid-year, reaching a monthly rate of 8.8 per cent in August 1986.

New scheme to defuse inflation explosion

Yugoslavia hopes to secure new credits

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, May 2, (AP) — Yugoslavia prepared yesterday for the final days of a mass shopping spree to avoid huge price hikes expected when a government price freeze ends in two weeks.

Mid-May could be a crucial period in Communist Yugoslavia's post-World War II history. The government, facing a confidence vote it may lose, hopes to secure new credits abroad while introducing unpopular economic measures at home.

Living standards have fallen to the mid-1960s level since 1980, resulting in thousands of strikes, walkouts and other job actions last year.

News reports have said about 80 per cent of the country's manufacturers have prepared new prices for their goods when the government lifts a price freeze on May 15. New prices were expected to be 50-70 per cent above current levels.

Sale

"The country looks like it is preparing for war," said a shopper interviewed in a crowded Belgrade supermarket. "Everybody is piling up stocks of a staples at home."

Dragan Petrovic, manager of a downtown Belgrade supermarket, said he is selling one ton

of sugar, half a ton of coffee and 15,000 bottles of cooking oil per day, which equals normal sale for a month.

"If this shopping spree continues they will even buy my counter," Petrovic said.

The government of premier Branko Mikulic said it has prepared a new economic programme aimed at defusing the expected price and inflation explosion.

But the parliament of Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most economically developed region, sees no prospect of improvement under Mikulic. It has begun formal procedures to unseat the federal government, the first such move in Communist Yugoslavia.

According to media reports, Slovenia's deputies in the federal parliament in Belgrade will introduce a no-confidence motion on May 15. If Yugoslavia's five other republics accept this move, Mikulic and his government would become the first cabinet to resign since World War II.

Slovenian officials have bitterly criticised Mikulic's administration for its failure to curb Europe's highest inflation rate and for meddling in the economy, arguing the state should not interfere.

But government officials say

the new government programme includes market-oriented measures expected to curb prices and a substantial reduction of state-imposed administration.

The officials said the new measures were made in conjunction with the International Monetary Fund, with which Yugoslavia recently reached a draft one-year standby agreement.

The programme aims to reduce inflation, currently at about 170 per cent annually, to 95 per cent by the end of this year. It calls for 60 per cent of all prices to be set by the market, substantial lifting of import barriers and a further fall in the value of the dinar in comparison with Western currencies in order to boost exports.

Loans

A precondition for the new programme are fresh loans and rescheduling of a large part of the country's 20 billion debt, government officials said.

Yugoslavs are anxiously eyeing May 15, when the IMF governing bodies are expected to approve the draft standby agreement.

Vice Premier Janez Zemljic said recently that Yugoslavia "faces economic collapse" unless foreign creditors grant a financial reprieve.

US-Soviet grain talks enter critical technical phase

WASHINGTON, May 2, (Reuter) — Grain talks between the United States and Soviet Union in London this week will bring them closer to a multi-billion-dollar pact that would give US farmers a larger share of the world's biggest grain market.

The end result of the high-stakes talks could be an agreement that allows the Soviet Union, the largest importer, to buy a wider variety of crops from the United States, the largest exporter. The deal would also give specific minimum phase guarantees to the United States, US officials said.

"This meeting will be very substantive. We'll get into the issues," a member of the US negotiating team said of the talks to be held on May 3 and 4.

A current five-year agreement, due to expire on September 30, calls for minimum annual Soviet purchases of nine million tonnes of American grain — four million tonnes each of corn and wheat and an additional one million tonnes of grain or 500,000 tonnes of soybean products.

The Reagan administration might agree to broaden the pact to other crops, said Tom Kay, senior Agriculture Department official and a key negotiator. But while American officials may be willing to open the agreement to more products, US negotiators appear firm in their commitment to lock the Soviet Union into specific amounts and types of commodity purchases per year.

US farmers and grain exporters need these guarantees to make planting decisions and marketing plans.

"The Soviets can still be very disruptive to the markets," said a member of the US negotiating team.

A main objective of US negotiators is to provide an

assurance of Soviet buying to the grains industry. Giving Moscow a free rein on its purchase levels and the type of crops they can buy would create undesirable uncertainty in the market, the negotiator said.

Agricultural trade between the Soviet Union and the United States has been guided by formal agreement for 12 years.

US and Soviet officials met in March in Washington to begin negotiations towards a new long-term agreement. The London meeting is the second round of talks, and US officials say they expect negotiations to run to at least a third round.

"This is only the second round. It's a relatively complex negotiation in the sense that there is a lot of money and principles on both sides involved," US negotiator said.

The new agreement is likely to include specific minimum purchase levels for soybeans or oilseeds, industry sources said. Currently, soybeans, a major US export crop, is treated as a substitute purchase for grains.

"It would be helpful to both sides to broaden the agreement (to specific soybean purchase levels), because as the years go by, our biggest opportunity will be to sell more soybeans and soybean meal to Russia," said Dwayne Andreas, chief executive officer of Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., one of the world's largest soybean processing companies.

"That should be fundamental to our negotiations," said Andreas, who has close ties with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Another hurdle will be the level of purchase commitments. In the March negotiations, the opening Soviet position called for a six-million-tonne annual purchase minimum. US negotiators asked for a 17-million-tonne minimum.

Cepal calls economic forecasts for Latin America dismal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 2, (AP) — Economic forecasts for Latin America are "dismal," a regional economic commission concluded yesterday.

Unemployment, poverty, inflation and indebtedness have all worsened since 1980, said ministers from 40 countries meeting at the economic commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

"It is urgent that we stop the flow of money from Latin America to develop nations by receiving new money from abroad and refinancing our debts," their report said.

Cooperation

The organisation, known by its Spanish acronym, Cepal, discussed regional development, cooperation and the region's \$400 billion foreign debt during their three days of talks.

The ministers concluded that in coming years increases of Latin American gross national products will be around 2.4 per

cent in medium-sized countries and 4.4 per cent in larger nations. But in more than half, growth won't surpass population growth, the report said.

The report points to monthly payments on the foreign debt as a chief cause of the region's economic ills. Between 1982 and 1987, payments to foreign bankers and governments were \$150 billion, including 1 billion a month in Brazil, the report said.

One discouraging aspect of the report was a 3.8 per cent fall in non-defence capital goods orders, a gauge of how much businesses are planning to spend on new plant and equipment.

Morgan Stanley Capital International Index

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	286.7	286.7	278.4	259.3
AUSTRIA	206.0	206.0	205.4	215.4
BELGIUM	368.8	368.8	367.3	260.2
CANADA	366.5	367.1	367.2	350.7
DENMARK	375.3	375.3	370.2	336.6
FRANCE	321.6	321.6	326.6	288.5
GERMANY	166.1	166.1	165.2	156.6
HONG KONG	1853.3	1857.0	1852.5	1644.3
FINLAND	109.8	109.8	101.0	108.1
ITALY	393.2	393.2	395.1	377.4
JAPAN	1293.1	1293.1	1283.7	1022.3
NETHERLANDS	246.7	246.7	248.4	215.9
NEW ZEAL	96.4	96.4	96.9	98.9
NORWAY	495.8	495.8	491.5	475.2
PORTUGAL	553.7	553.7	548.5	521.9
SPAIN	243.0	243.0	243.9	264.8
SWEDEN	876.7	876.7	888.6	856.8
SWITZER	149.3	149.3	149.6	140.7
U.S.A.	541.6	542.9	540.2	515.7
U.S.S.A.	241.3	242.5	242.7	229.4
WORLD	459.4	459.4	457.8	451.2
U.A.F.E.	883.6	883.6	874	408.0

Currency rates

HONG KONG		
STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
CH H TUNNEL	15.40	15.40
CHENING K	7.45	7.45
CHINA GAS	16.10	16.30
CHINA L-P	18.30	18.40
CHINA MOTR	18.70	18.80
CHONGMO	0	4.30
CHONGHONG	.37	.37
CHEN EAST C	.76	.77
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
CH D DEVELOP	9.20	9.15
CH H S INDEX	589.89	602.67
HANG LUNG	5.33	5.35
HONG SENG	26.40	26.80
HAM PAR BR	0	21.00
HNK ELEC CO	7.55	7.70
HNK KOWLOON	6.95	7.10
HNK LAND CO	8.30	8.40
HNK SHAN BK	6.65	6.65
HNK SHAN HT	4.35	4.22
HNK TELE CO	7.05	7.10
HWICH MANH	8.40	8.45
HWK S PAC	11.10	11.10
JARDINE	12.40	12.50
KOWLOON M	12.70	12.80
NEW WORLD	10.30	10.30
PAUL Y CON	2.05	2.02
REALTY DEV	6.05	5.90
S H K CO	1.89	1.87
S H K PROP	10.70	10.70
SHENK DARY	1.47	1.49
SHETLUX MFG	2.52	2.52
SHWIRE PAC	16.80	16.80
V B CO	15.20	15.40
TAI CREUNG	3.70	3.72
UNION BANK	1.55	1.54
WALOCK HARD	0	7.25
WALOCK MARI	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	3.37	3.40

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were largely steady yesterday in quiet trading.

Bidding interest was strongest in the spot—next, banks sought funds for Wednesday. KD100 million Treasury bill issue.

But with liquidity ample spot interest rates declined from 5-1/2 per cent deals early in the day to five per cent offers by early afternoon.

Overnight and tomorrow-night rates of five per cent offers from 11

2 and two per cent on Sunday, respectively.

The fixed periods were basically unchanged from Sunday at 6-1/4, six per cent for the one-month, 6-1/8, 5-7/8 per cent for the two and three-month and six, 5-3/4 per cent for the six through 12-month.

One-month was reported traded at six per cent but there were few deals.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rates was softer at

0.27402/12 to the dollar from 0.27383/93 on Saturday and Sunday. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.27410/17.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposits continued to firm yesterday in response to higher US interest rates will trade picked up momentum as banks covered positions ahead of the Muslim-Eid-El-Fitr holiday due to fall in mid-May.

PHILIPPINES MANILA									
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	74.00	77.00			
CHNC-A	143.00	144.00	141.00	BC-B	75.00	85.00			
CHNC-B	171.00	180.00	171.00	LC-A	.45	.46	.45		
CHNC-TIRE	29.50	30.00	29.50	LC-B	.47	.48	.48		
PLOT	178.00	179.00	175.00	ZTP	.01	.012			
RAMSROG	3.80	3.85	3.90	OIL SECTOR					
AC-A	9.50	9.60	9.50	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
GLO	34.50	35.00	34.50	BP-A	.019	.02	.019		
FER-A	2.38	2.40	2.40	BP-B	.019	.02	.019		
FER-B	2.40	2.44	2.46	LRC-A	.0026	.0028			
				LRC-B	.0026				
MINING SECTOR									
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPN-A	.046	.047	.046		
PNPK-A	.026	.027	.027	OPN-B	.047	.048	.047		
PNPK-B	.026	.027	.027	OW-A	.035	.036	.036		
AT-A	20.50	20.75	20.75	OW-B	.035	.036	.036		
AT-B	22.25	22.50	22.50	TA	.025	.026	.026		

MOSCOW, May 2, (AP)—The Soviets will get a chance to "bolshoi mak"s next year when the first McDonald's restaurant opens in Moscow, an executive of the hamburger giant said and city officials announced on Friday.

"I think that the McDonald's in Moscow will be the highest volume McDonald's in the world," said George A. Cohon, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd., a subsidiary of the US-based McDonald Corp.

Cohon and Vladimir Malishkov, chief of the food service administration of the Moscow City Council, signed the joint venture agreement in the White Hall of Moscow's city hall during a ceremony attended by reporters.

Venture

The agreement, which gives the McDonald's of Canada a 49 per cent share in the Soviet-controlled firm, is the latest Soviet joint business venture with a foreign company.

Last year, the Soviet government modified its legislation on foreign business activity in an attempt to woo foreign capital, technology and expertise. The reform is part of changes enacted under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev designed to increase the quality of consumer goods.

Malishkov and Moscow Deputy Mayor Valery Zharov said the Soviets hope to draw

upon the expertise of the fast-food chain, which opened its 10,000th restaurant earlier this month in the United States, to improve service in their country's food industry.

"Why McDonald's?" Malishkov asked. "I'm not afraid to say that there is no more important and dependable firm in the food service industry."

Unsure

The first Soviet McDonald's, a 650-seat location on Gorky Street in the centre of Moscow, is expected to open in the second half of 1989. But Cohon and the city officials refused to say exactly where the site is.

At that restaurant, Soviets will be able to buy a Big Mac, the chain's trademark hamburger sandwich, for about 2 rubles (\$3).

Officials apparently are unsure of what to call the Big Mac. At today's ceremony, an interpreter referred to a "big mak" and a "bolshoi mak." In Russian, "bolshoi" means big.

Cohon said other food items to be sold would be very similar to what McDonald's restaurants in other countries offer.

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WASHINGTON, May 2 (Reuters)—The trade bill passed by Congress last week will be vetoed by the president because a key provision would make the United States less competitive in world markets, Treasury Secretary James Baker said yesterday.

"This provision, if it does anything, would make America less competitive," Baker said, referring to a part of the bill that would require large plants to give workers 60 days notice before they shut down.

Some of our trading partners have similar provisions, and their economies are not as inefficient and not as effective as the U.S. economy," Baker said in a television interview.

"It will not result in the export of one dollar's worth of products. It will not create one job. It will not do anything to open markets abroad," he said.

Action

President Reagan, in a Saturday radio address, said he would veto the legislation and predicted Congress would uphold his veto. He urged congressional leaders to schedule prompt action on a revised measure if the veto was sustained.

The bill passed the senate on Wednesday by a vote on 63-36. House votes short of the two-thirds majority required in both Houses of Congress to override a veto.

The bill will likely be sent to the White House about the middle of this week. The President then has 10 days to veto it or sign it into law.


Although the White House supports much of the massive, 1,100-page bill, it also opposes provisions that would transfer some of the president's trade negotiating authority to the US trade representative, and the requirement for retaliating against countries with restrictive trade practices.

Principle

"I think it's fine as a principle to let workers know" in advance about plant closings, but this should be negotiated in labour contracts or done voluntarily rather than put into the trade bill, Baker said.

"There are a lot of things in there we want. At the same time, this (veto pledge) is no surprise. The president's position has been well known for over a year," Baker said.

House democratic leader Thomas Foley, interviewed on the same programme, defended the plant-closing provision but said it was too soon to say whether Congress would agree to take it out of the bill if Reagan's veto were sustained.



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NEW DELHI, May 2. (Kunav) Despite trouble in northern state of Punjab and eastern tourist resort of Darjeeling India is experiencing a tourist boom. Over 1.1 million tourists visited India in 1987 as against one million in 1986, registering an increase of 7.8 per cent on annual report of tourism released here today said.

The report adds that this trend has been sustained due to persistent efforts to promote India as an attractive tourist destination in the overseas market. Most of the tourists who visit India, are from the United States, Canada, West Europe, the Gulf and South East Asian nations, including Japan. Of late there has been an increase in tourist traffic from the Arab nations, which had crossed the 100,000 mark last year.

The Indian government has launched several promotional schemes to attract more and more tourists from the Arab world, particularly from the Gulf. The government has offered educational and family tours for the Gulf tourist.

According to the report the foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the year 1986-87 was \$1.5 billion. It said the projected foreign exchange earnings from the 1987-88 is expected to be \$1.6 billion.

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FRENCH CFTD union demonstrators wave a banner proclaiming 'Wake up Joan (of Arc), the Nazis are raping you' as a separate turnout of 50,000 extreme right wing supporters celebrated the feat of Joan of Arc on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



MAY DAY: West Berlin policemen use their truncheons to carry away a protester, arrested during Sunday night's clashes in West Berlin's Kreuzberg district (picture left). At right, Polish demonstrators throw stones at riot police during protests on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GROUP of South Korean riot police rest on the road after fighting a pitched battle with petrol bomb-hurling students and workers who demanded free trade unions in the country on Labour Day. (Reuter wirephoto)



FOUR-YEAR-OLD Emma Zietsch slipped on a muddy bank near her home during Sydney's heavy rains on Saturday and was swept 500 metres down a raging underground stormwater drain and into pounding surf where she was rescued by Terry Gorman. Emma and her rescuer returned yesterday to have another look at the drain-pipe where she nearly lost her life. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH fashion designer Pierre Cardin is greeted by Mrs Tien Suharto, the wife of the Indonesian President, when he called at the President's home yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



WINNER of the 500 cc Portuguese motorcycle GP, Eddie Lawson of the US (centre), flanked by second placed Wayne Rainey (left) and Kevin Magee from Australia, shower photographers with champagne, on the podium in Spain, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



RICK WILSON of Bartow, Florida, driving the Kodak Film Oldsmobile, comes out of the fourth turn with a stream of fire shooting from the bottom of the car after a blown tyre knocked the oil cooler off causing flames, during the Winston 500 race in Talladega, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



A CHINESE soldier takes a break from his usual duties to act as a golf course marshal at China's first professional golf tournament on Sunday. He is holding up a sign which says 'quiet please' near the 18th green. (Reuter wirephoto)



PET monkey 'Cuore Bello' (Beautiful Heart) grooms the hair of Erika Coppi while she and her husband, Marino, sit on a park bench in Brussels. Marino, who hails from Italy and Erika from Chile, often like to take their monkey for walks in the park. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential hopeful Michael Dukakis bites into a hotdog during a campaign stop in Ohio, on Sunday, at Tony Packo's Cafe, a tavern made famous by actor Jamie Parr in the television show M.A.S.H. (Reuter wirephoto)



SENIOR Aircraftman John Millar Raeid, 22, from the Glasgow area in Scotland, died along with his friend John Baxter in the IRA bomb blast in Nieuw Bergen, Holland, on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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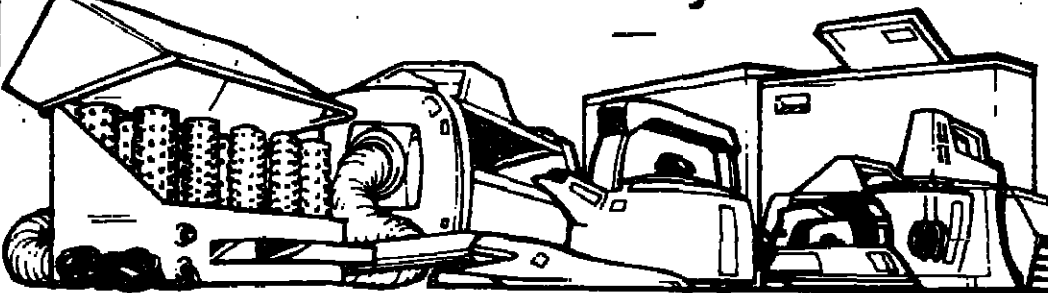
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Kuczynska eliminates Horvath

ROME, May 3, (Reuters): American Kathleen Horvath became the first seed to lose in the women's Italian Open Tennis tournament yesterday when she was defeated 6-4 6-0 by hard-hitting Polish outsider Iwona Kuczynska.

The 22-year-old from Florida was completely overpowered by Kuczynska, who used her imposing 1.78 metre height to great effect.

Kuczynska, 27, who has been steadily improving her game over the past year, said she was happy on the slow clay of Rome's Foro Italico as on grass.

"I like to play both. I like the change. On clay you can play softer tennis with drop shots and slice," she said.

Kuczynska defeated to the United States in 1981 but never became an American citizen and she expects to have her Polish passport restored to her soon.

For the past two years she has been living in Paris, undergoing treatment for an elbow injury which has dogged her five years.

"Now my arm is much better. I feel young again and full of confidence," she said.

Her ambition is to play again for Poland in the Federation Cup. "I would like to do something for the country," she said. "I had nothing against them except I couldn't travel."

Thirteenth seed Judith Wiesner of Austria had a tough first round match, taking four sets to overcome Italy's Gabriella Boschiero.

The 22-year-old, who reached the quarterfinals here last year, suffered lapses of concentration and made countless errors before finally pulling her game together to win 6-3 5-7 6-2.

American Chris Evert heads the seedings for the tournament, followed by Argentine teenager Gabriela Sabatini. Both have first-round byes.

Martina Navratilova, ranked second in the world, dropped out of the competition last week, because of injury.

Last year's winner Steffi Graf of West Germany, the world's top ranked player had already decided not to play because she said she did not want to meet Navratilova in any but Grand Slam tournaments.

GOMEZ TAKES ORESAR TO TASK

Jaite and Kriek fall in first round

NEW YORK, May 3, (Reuters): Third seed Martin Jaite of Argentina yesterday was shocked by Gilad Bloom, rated 143 places lower on the world rankings computer, 6-4 2-6 6-3 in the first round of the \$677,500 Tournament of Champions at Forest Hills.

The 21-year-old Bloom, who has had little past success on clay, called his victory over one of the top players in the world on the surface, "by far the best" win of his career.

Struggle
The only other seed to fall on the cold, wet and windy opening day of play was American Johan Kriek, who lost a two hour and five minute struggle to Australian Simon Youl 6-7 6-4 7-5.

The 11th-seeded Kriek took the first set tiebreak 8-6. But Youl, who did not lose his serve after the third game of the first set, came up with one crucial break in each of the next two sets which was enough to oust the South African-born Kriek.

Second seed and defending champion Andres Gomez of Ecuador played his usual steady

clay court baseline game to eliminate Bruno Oresar of Yugoslavia 6-2 6-4.

"I'm very satisfied with the way I played. It's probably the best I hit the ball so far this year," said the big left-hander who added: "It was a good feeling coming out here where I won last year."

The 12th-ranked Gomez suffered a brief concentration lapse in the second set. "I thought there were so many bad calls. I started to get frustrated," he said.

Oresar, ranked 141, fought off four match points against his serve in the ninth game to hold for 5-4, but Gomez converted his second match point of the next game to advance.

Bloom outplayed Jaite from the baseline and scored consistently with perfectly placed drop shots.

"I passed him pretty well and I attacked the short balls better than him," said Bloom.

Jaite, ranked world 14, came up with three service breaks to take the second set. But the hard-hitting Bloom was right back in



Gomez eliminated Oresar

control as he jumped out to a 3-1 third set lead after Jaite netted an easy forehand volley to lose serve in the second game.

"I always have a kind of a mental let down after winning

the first set," Bloom confessed.

Bloom put the match out of reach with another break in the seventh game to lead 5-2 and held serve at love to take the match.

Jaite, who reached the quar-

terfinals here last year and was expected to figure in the hunt for the \$127,600 winner's prize this year, was clearly shaken by the defeat.

"I've lost all my confidence. I don't know what happened," said the backbone of the Argentine Davis Cup team.

In other first round action, 10th-seeded American Eliot Teltscher, 13th-seeded Luis Mattar of Brazil, 14th-seeded New Zealander Kelly Evernden, 15th-seeded Czechoslovak Milan Srejber and 16th seed Thomas Muster of Austria all advanced in straight sets.

Postponed

The scheduled centre court night match featuring eighth-seeded Yugoslav Slobodan Zivojinovic against American wild card entry Jim Courier was postponed until today after yet another lengthy rain delay.

Top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden and fourth-seeded former world number one John McEnroe are also scheduled to play first round matches this evening.

Davis clinches fifth crown

SHEFFIELD, England, May 3, (Reuters): Steve Davis of England collected a prize of £95,000 (\$178,600) when he claimed his fifth World Professional Snooker Championship yesterday by beating Welshman Terry Griffiths 18-11 in the final.

Davis, the world number one, was being held 8-8 overnight in the best-of-35-frame final but was in irresistible form when play resumed and won 10 of the last 13 frames.

Short

The victory took his earnings for the season to £425,000 (\$799,000), only £50,000 (\$94,000) short of the total prize money on offer at the World Championship.

Griffiths, appearing in his first world final since he won the title at his first attempt in 1979, had the considerable consolation of a £57,000 (\$107,160) runner's up prize.

Hassey takes Athletics past Tigers

NEW YORK, May 3, (AP): Ron Hassey hit a two-run homer and drove in two more runs with a two-out double in the 10th inning to lead the Oakland Athletics to a 4-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers last night.

It was Oakland's eighth straight victory, while the Tigers had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Indians 3, Angels 0
Greg Swindell pitched a two-hitter for his sixth straight victory and second career shutout, and Brook Jacoby drove in two runs as the Cleveland Indians beat the California Angels 3-0.

The Indians broke a three-game losing streak to remain in first place in the American League East. Their 17-7 record matches the second-best start in their history.

Royals 2, Red Sox 0
George Brett had two doubles and a single, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Boston Red Sox 2-0 behind the clutch pitching of Floyd Bannister and three

relievers.

Bannister, 4-1, pitched 5 2-3 innings, allowing six hits, including three doubles. It was the second straight shutout loss for the Red Sox, who were blanked by Frank Viola of Minnesota on Sunday.

Orioles 9, Rangers 4
The Baltimore Orioles, spurred by a noisy crowd of 50,402 on "fantastic fans night," returned home and beat the Texas Rangers 9-4 as Cal Ripken homered and doubled.

The Orioles, 2-23 after a 1-11 road trip, won for the first time in nine tries at Memorial stadium this year. Before the game, Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer announced the team and the city had worked out a 15-year lease that includes a new, downtown ballpark.

Brewers 4, Twins 3
Dale Sveum's two-out single capped a three-run second inning, and Odell Jones pitched four innings of hitless relief as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the

Minnesota Twins 4-3 and beat Bert Blyleven for the first time in three years.

The Brewers' victory was their first over Blyleven since May 22, 1985. The Twins right-hander had beaten Milwaukee seven straight times, including six in a row since coming to Minnesota in August of '85.

Yankees 6, White Sox 4
Rickey Henderson scored the tie-breaking run on a wild pitch in the 12th inning, and Don Mattingly scored on an error on the same play as the New York Yankees defeated the Chicago White Sox 6-4.

Standings

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	17	7	.708	—
New York	16	7	.696	.5
Chicago	11	13	.458	6
Montreal	10	12	.455	6
St. Louis	10	14	.417	7
Philadelphia	8	13	.381	7.5
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	14	8	.636	—
Houston	14	9	.609	.5

Cincinnati 12 12 .500 3
San Francisco 12 13 .480 3.5
San Diego 9 14 .391 5.5
Atlanta 5 16 .238 8.5

Monday's games
Cincinnati 3 Montreal 2
Atlanta 3 New York 1
Philadelphia 7 Houston 1
Los Angeles 6 Pittsburgh 3
Chicago 5 San Diego 2
St. Louis 5 San Francisco 1

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Cleveland 17 7 .708 1
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Boston 14 8 .636 2
Detroit 14 9 .609 2.5
Milwaukee 11 11 .500 5
Toronto 10 14 .416 7
Baltimore 2 23 .080 15.5

West Division
Oakland 18 7 .720 4.5
Kansas City 13 11 .542 4.5
Seattle 12 11 .522 5
California 10 15 .400 8
Minnesota 9 14 .391 8
Texas 9 14 .391 8

Monday's games
Baltimore 9 Texas 4
Kansas City 2 Boston 0
Cleveland 3 California 0
Oakland 4 Detroit 2
New York 6 Chicago 3
Milwaukee 4 Minnesota 4
Seattle 7 Toronto 5

West Indies predict no thrashing of England this time

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): West Indies cricketers launched their 15-week tour of England with a lengthy practice session at Lord's yesterday — and immediately played down the prospect of another clean sweep.

Captain Viv Richards and company were back at work less than a week after winding their three-Test series against Pakistan.

Handed
Tour manager Jackie Hendricks offered early encouragement to the home team's supporters by predicting no repeat of the 5-0 thrashings West Indies handed England in 1984 and 1986.

"Having lost the likes of Lloyd, Garner, Holding and Gomes, we don't have the flavour of an invincible side," said Hendricks, who made 20 Tests appearances for West Indies in the 1960s.

"The youngsters we have brought in are full of talent and I think they will give a good account of themselves. Hopefully we will win what should be an interesting series between two reasonably good teams, but I don't see any sort of 5-0 situation this time."

West Indies have not won a series since that last clean sweep against David Gower's England.

Middlesex rout Essex

LONDON, May 3, (Reuters): Former England pace bowler Norman Cowans continued his impressive early season form, taking four wickets yesterday as Middlesex crushed Essex by 176 runs at Lord's to move into second place behind Worcestershire in the English County Championship.

Cowans took four for 45 and fellow paceman Simon Hughes three for 45 as Essex, one of the pre-season favourites for the championship, laboured to 175 all out.

Haul

While Cowans and Hughes did most of the damage, Neil Williams, whose six-wicket haul in the first innings gave Middlesex the initiative, gained the prize scalp of the day. He had informed England opener Graham

side in the Caribbean. Since then they have drawn with India, New Zealand and Pakistan twice.

But the likes of Richards, Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge and Malcolm Marshall still around, England's depressing run of 12 Tests without a victory will take some ending.

Among a 17-strong West Indian party are four relative newcomers in pacemen Curtley Ambrose and Ian Bishop, left-handed batsman Keith Arthurton and reserve wicketkeeper David Williams.

Ambrose, a six-foot-six-inch (1.98 metre) tall Garner-style fast bowler from the Leeward Isles, took a record 35 wickets during his last domestic season and played in all three Tests against Pakistan.

Only worry for West Indies yesterday was a rib injury which prevented Marshall from bowling in the indoor nets at Lord's.

Struck a painful blow by Wasim Akram during last week's final Test in Barbados, he was sufficiently concerned to seek a check from Middlesex county physiotherapist Jim Davis. But Marshall insisted: "I wouldn't be in the party if I wasn't fit."

West Indies' first outing is a charity game against Clive Lloyd's XI at Uxbridge on Thursday.

Gooch caught behind for 12. Hughes' dismissal of Australian captain Allan Border for 19 effectively ended Essex's hopes of victory.

Another former England pace bowler, Lancashire's Paul Allott, completed match figures of eight for 98 in the drawn match with Warwickshire at Old Trafford.

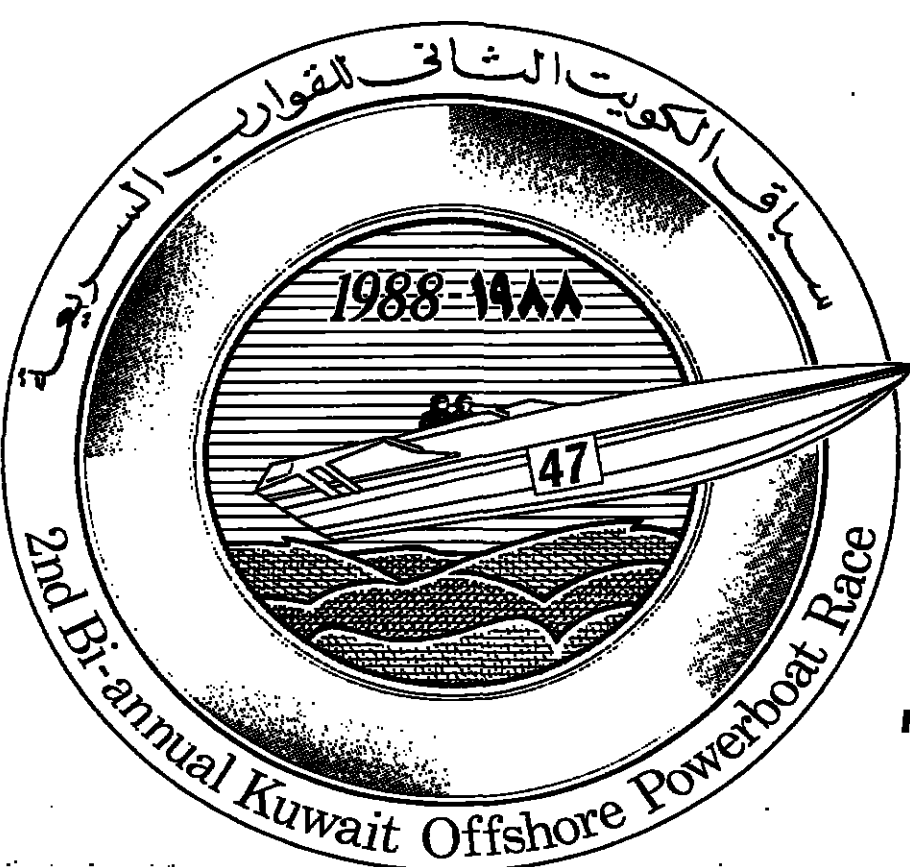
He took five for 63 in Warwickshire's second innings total of 297. Lancashire, chasing 236 for victory, had reached 83 for one when rain intervened for the third and final time.

A three-hour delay for rain also consigned the Glamorgan-Somerset clash at Cardiff to a draw. Following on 276 behind, Somerset cruised to 100 for no wicket with Nigel Felton hitting 64.

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SPORTS

Kieft hits four goals for PSV

AMSTERDAM, May 2. (Reuters) Dutch international Wim Kieft hit four goals yesterday as European Cup finalists PSV Eindhoven blasted 11th-placed Sparta 6-2 in the Dutch Soccer First Division.

European Cup Winners' Cup holders and finalists Ajax Amsterdam also won, 3-1 against Haarlem, but played behind closed doors as a disciplinary measure.

PSV, already assured of their third consecutive League title but beaten last week by relegation candidates Groningen, took a while to get into their stride. They eventually went ahead with a 27th-minute goal by Hans Gillhaus, while Kieft increased the lead 10 minutes later.

Fired

But the Dutch champions, who meet Portugal's Benfica in the European final on May 25, moved into a higher gear in the second half. Kieft fired three goals in less than 15 minutes, boosting his leading tally in the League to 26.

Ajax lost an estimated \$6,000 guilders in revenue (\$43,000) because they had to play in an empty home stadium as punishment for bad crowd behaviour.

The Dutch Soccer Association (KNVB) told Ajax to play behind closed doors after fans threw eggs onto the pitch in a match against PSV in February.

John Bosman scored twice for Ajax and Swedish defender Peter Larsson once for the Amsterdam team, who face Mechelen of Belgium in the Cup Winners' Cup final on May 11.

Sociedad stay on course for runners-up spot

MADRID, May 2. (Reuters) Real Sociedad, with Jesus Zamora and Jose Zuniga combining for both their goals in a 2-2 draw at Cadiz yesterday, remained on course to finish runners-up to Spanish Soccer League champions Real Madrid.

Second-placed Sociedad are four points clear of both Athletic Bilbao, who drew 1-1 home to Valencia, and Atletico Madrid, who drew 1-1 against Espanol on Saturday. There are three more matches to play.

Newly-crowned champions Real Madrid went down 2-0 away on Saturday to their great rivals Barcelona, who have essentially endured a dismal season.

Mistake

Salvadoran striker Jose Gonzalez put Cadiz ahead of Sociedad after eight minutes, making no mistake from a rebound after a shot by Uruguayan Jose Zalazar hit a post.

Sociedad equalised 15 minutes later when defender Zuniga weaved past Cadiz defenders and centered for Zamora to score.

After the interval, Zamora returned the favour, creating the chance for Zuniga to put the Basques ahead with a strong shot. But Cadiz responded with an equaliser six minutes later through Argentine striker Luis Cabrera.

PROST FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Senna dominates San Marino Grand Prix

IMOLA, Italy, May 2. (Reuters) Brazilian Ayrton Senna made up for his disappointments in previous years when he led from start to finish to win the San Marino Grand Prix in faultless style yesterday.

Senna, who started on pole position for the fourth consecutive year, took full advantage for the first time as he led teammate Alain Prost of France home in a convincing triumph for the Honda-powered McLaren team.

Senna's fellow-Brazilian world champion Nelson Piquet finished third in a Lotus to give Honda turbo-powered cars the three top places.

Ahead

Belgium Thierry Boutsen was fourth in a normally aspirated Benetton ahead of Austrian Gerhard Berger in a Ferrari and Italian Alessandro Nannini in the second Benetton.

Senna's win lifts him into second position in the Drivers' world championship with nine points behind leader Prost who has 15.

The McLaren drivers, who dominated practice and begun from the front row of the grid, never allowed any of their rivals an opportunity to steal ahead of

them and lapped the rest of the field.

Rain looked likely at the start but never arrived and the race was run in dry conditions with Senna in command from the first corner.

The Brazilian made a perfect getaway from the grid and built up a six-second lead on second placed Piquet by the fifth lap.

Prost, whose engine almost stalled at the start, was passed by Piquet, Riccardo Patrese, Nannini and Berger and had to fight back from sixth place — a challenge he relished as he overhauled Piquet to move into second place on the eighth lap.

"That start and the slow cars at the back of the field were my only problems," Prost, who won the opening Brazilian Grand Prix, said.

"Senna and I have a good car and we can play between us a little I think. It will be good for the sport."

Senna said: "I slowed down on the last lap just to make sure. I had no real problems but did have smoke coming into the cockpit when I braked hard. I was also worried about my car lever which started to work loose and sometimes it jumped out of gear."



Senna (centre) on the podium with Prost (right) and Piquet. (Reuters wirephoto)

"The car was very good and for the first time in my life I have real chance of winning races and challenging Alain for the world title."

Once Prost had joined Senna at the front, the McLarens were

in no trouble as they relentlessly increased their lead and much attention was taken by the battle for fourth position between the leading normally aspirated cars.

It was eventually won by Boutsen, but only after his teammate

Nannini had suffered a massive spin on the 36th lap and Briton Nigel Mansell, in the Williams Judd, had retired with engine failure after 43 laps.

Piquet drove a typically well-calculated race to finish third.

The Brazilian said: "The gap between us and the McLarens is bigger than in Brazil but we Brazilians say that hope is the last thing that dies."

One of the highlights of the race was Mansell's passing of Piquet on the 40th lap. Piquet, however, fought back immediately to regain third place from his former Williams teammate and rival.

Mansell, the 1987 winner had started 11th on the grid and drove with great determination to climb into fourth position before overheating led to engine failure.

Sustained

The race proved again the dominance of the turbo-charged cars. Only the Benettons of the normally aspirated cars, powered by Ford engines, managed a sustained challenge.

It was another disappointing day for Ferrari. The Italian team gave their home crowd little to cheer with Berger only snatching fifth position from Nannini in the closing stages and Alboreto retiring six laps from the end. Both drivers complained their cars lacked power.

Briton Julian Bailey, making his Grand Prix debut, retired 12 laps from the end in his Tyrrell.

Shastri guides Glamorgan to win

LONDON, May 2. (Reuters) Indian all-rounder Ravi Shastri's fine early-season batting form continued yesterday when he guided Glamorgan to an eight-wicket victory over Somerset in the English Sunday League one-day 40 overs cricket competition.

Shastri, who hit 157 against Somerset during the week in the county championship, cracked an unbeaten 53 in Glamorgan's 138 for two from 16 overs. Somerset had scored 134 for five of their 16 overs in the rain-restricted match.

All but one of yesterday's matches were affected by rain, although only the Yorkshire-Derbyshire game had to be abandoned.

The most dramatic cricket of the day came at Canterbury where Neil Taylor and Richard Ellison added 93 for the eighth wicket to give Kent a two-wicket victory over Hampshire off the match's penultimate ball.

Kent, chasing 216 to win, were facing defeat at 116 for seven in

the 31st over.

But Taylor and Ellison had other ideas. Taylor hit a six and eight fours in his unbeaten 63 and Ellison smashed two sixes in his 34 not out.

For Hampshire, David Turner became only the sixth player to score over 6,000 runs in the competition when he hit 54 in a total of 215 for nine.

County champions Nottinghamshire upset League title holders Worcestershire on a faster scoring rate, thanks largely to a 53-run opening stand by England pair Chris Broad and Tim Robinson.

Broad scored 35 and Robinson 20 as Nottinghamshire, set 157 to win off 25 overs, reached their target with two balls to spare in the final over bowled by acting Worcestershire captain Ian Botham.

Results

At Headingley: Yorkshire v Derbyshire match abandoned. Derbyshire 157 in 31 overs (S. Goldsmith 40), Yorkshire 36 for

three in 12 overs when rain stopped play. Yorkshire and Derbyshire 2 points.

At Worcester: Nottinghamshire beat Worcestershire on a faster scoring rate in a rain-restricted match. Worcestershire 169 for seven in 25 overs (D. D'Oliveira 54 not out, T. Curtis 45). Nottinghamshire, needing 157 off 25 overs, scored 157 for five in 24.4 overs (J. Birch 41 not out). Notts 4 points.

At Canterbury: Kent beat Hampshire by two wickets. Hampshire 215 for nine in 25 overs (C. Smith 70, D. Turner 54). Kent 218 for eight in 39.5 overs (N. Taylor 68, M. Benson 44). Kent 4 points.

At Leicester: Leicestershire beat Northamptonshire by 48 runs in rain-restricted match. Leicestershire 173 for eight in 25 overs (L. Potter 49, C. Lewis 40). Northamptonshire, needing 161 in 37 overs, scored 112 in 32.5 overs (L. Taylor 39 for 20). Northants 4 points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Essex by 26 runs in a match

reduced to 34 overs because of rain. Middlesex 198 for eight in 33 overs (W. Slack 41). Essex 172 in 33.3 overs (D. Pringle 40, N. Cowans three for 29, N. Williams three for 30). Middlesex 4 points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Warwickshire on a faster scoring rate in a rain-restricted match. Warwickshire 212 for five in 37.1 overs (A. Kallicharran 63, D. Smith 48, G. Humphrey 46). Lancashire, requiring 143 in 25 overs, 144 for nine in 24.3 overs (P. Allott 43, G. Small four for 44). Lancashire 4 points.

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Sussex by seven wickets in rain-restricted match. Sussex 69 for five in 10 overs in 25 overs. Gloucestershire 71 for three in 9.1 overs. Gloucester 4 points.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan beat Somerset by eight wickets in rain-restricted match. Somerset 134 for five in 16 overs in 25 overs. Glamorgan 138 for two in 16 overs (R. Shastri 53 not out, G. Holmes 43). Glamorgan 4 points.

Harwood scores one-shot victory

QUINTA DO LAGO, Portugal, May 2. (Reuters) Australian Mike Harwood, at the age of 29, became the fourth first time winner on the European circuit yesterday when he shot a final round three-under-par 69 to win the Portuguese Open golf championship.

Harwood's four-round total of 280 left him one stroke ahead of Ireland's Eamonn Darcy.

Harwood's winnings of \$33,000 (\$62,000) put him behind only Spain's Severiano Ballesteros in the order of merit. The 1986 Australian PGA champion started his victory charge by holing a 20-yard bunker shot for a birdie three.

Lawson and Garriga triumph at Grand Prix

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain, May 2. (Reuters) Twice world champion Eddie Lawson stormed past fellow-American Wayne Rainey two laps from the finish to snatch victory in the Portuguese Grand Prix 500cc motorcycle race yesterday.

Rainey, competing in his first 500cc season, had led throughout and held a four-second lead over Lawson, world champion in 1984 and 1986 and current championship leader, after 22 laps of the 122.32-km race.

Inadequate

But over the next five laps on the 16-curve Jerez circuit, which was staging the race due to inadequate facilities across the border in Portugal, Lawson gradually chipped away at Rainey's advantage.

He eventually overtook his Yamaha teammate to cross the finish line in a time of 53 minutes 47.99 seconds, 1.64 seconds in front of his rival.

Australian Kevin Magee, who recorded his first Grand Prix victory last week at Jarama in Spain, continued his impressive form by finishing third to give Yamaha a 1-2-3 finish.

"I made a bad start and coul-

dn't get it together until the end," Magee said.

But Magee's fellow-Australian, reigning world champion Wayne Gardner, suffered further brake problems on his Honda and could manage only fifth place.

Gardner has yet to win a Grand Prix this season, but remained second in the overall standings with 60 points, 12 behind Lawson.

Spaniard Sito Pons, leader of the 250 cc world championship series, escaped injury when he crashed out on the first lap.

The race was won by his compatriot Juan Garriga, who moved into second place in the title race with 53 points, only one behind Pons.

World champion Jorge Martinez of Spain played cat and mouse with compatriot Manuel Herreros throughout the 80cc race but led round the last lap as Derby machines filled the first three places. Another Spaniard, Alejandro Criville, was third. Martinez's win put him at the top of the overall standings ahead of Stefan Dörflinger of Switzerland, who filled fourth place throughout the race.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Welsh Rally

CARDIFF, Wales, May 2. (AP) Finland's Pentti Airikkala, driving a Mitsubishi Starion, won the 330-mile Welsh Rally yesterday finishing half a minute ahead of former champion Jimmy McRae of Scotland.

Champions Trophy

BRISBANE, Australia, May 2. (AP) Australia will host the 199 Champions Trophy field hockey tournament, Australian Hockey Federation executive director Keith Merton announced today.

Chess player

BUDAPEST, May 2. (Reuters) Eleven-year-old Hungarian Judit Polgar may soon supplant American Bobby Fischer as the youngest chess player to become an international master, the Hungarian news agency MTI said today.

Lexcen dies

SYDNEY, Australia, May 2. (UPI) Ben Lexcen, designer of the revolutionary America's Cup-winning yacht Australia II, died in the hospital yesterday, following a heart attack, hospital authorities said.

UEFA Cup

LEVERKUSEN, West Germany, May 2. (Reuters) Bayer Leverkusen have injury worries for four players ahead of Wednesday's first leg match in the UEFA Cup final against Espanol Barcelona, trainer Erich Ribbeck said yesterday.

Rugby match

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, May 2. (AP) New Zealand provincial side Wellington shrugged off memories of last week's thrashing by Auckland to notch an upset 22-16 win over New South Wales in the fourth round of the South Pacific Rugby Union Championships yesterday.

Pittsburgh race

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 2. (Reuters) Margaret Groos won a spot on the US women's Olympic team yesterday when she won the Pittsburgh marathon in two hours 29 minutes 50 seconds.

Kobe Relay

KOBE, Japan, May 2. (AP) Moses Tanui of Kenya won the men's 10,000-metre race yesterday in the Kobe Relay Carnival Track and Field Meet.

NBA games

NEW YORK, May 2. (Reuters) First-round results of National Basketball Association (NBA) playoff games yesterday: Eastern Conference: Boston Celtics 128, New York Knicks 102 (Boston lead best-of-five game series 2-0); Chicago Bulls 106, Cleveland Cavaliers 101 (Chicago lead series 2-0); Atlanta Hawks 104, Milwaukee Bucks 97 (Atlanta lead series 2-0); Western Conference: Seattle SuperSonics 111, Denver Nuggets 91 (Series tied 1-1); Los Angeles Lakers 130, San Antonio Spurs 112 (Los Angeles lead series 2-0).

Milan edge Napoli to seize League lead

ROME, May 2. (Reuters) Ruud Gullit's AC Milan produced their finest form yesterday to beat champions Napoli 3-2 away and take over as leaders of the Italian First Division by a single point with two games to go.

The visitors, undeterred by a deafeningly partisan 90,000-strong crowd, seized the lead in the 35th minute through Antonio Virdis and, in spite of an equaliser on half-time by Napoli's Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona, never looked back.

Virdis put Milan ahead again in the 71st minute and Gullit's Dutch team-mate, Marco van Basten, made it 3-1 eight minutes later.

Assault

Napoli, scrambling to salvage some pride, launched a late assault in which Brazil's Careca put away their second goal with four minutes remaining, but his effort was too late to save the match.

The match, eagerly anticipated in Italy and dubbed "the game of the season," began slowly with big occasion nerves obvious on both sides.

But European Footballer of the Year Gullit and midfield team-mate Carlo Ancelotti showed early on they intended to push Milan into attack.

Napoli, conscious that only Milan can prevent them retaining the title, played cautiously



Milan players jump as Maradona (right) sends a curling shot past the defensive wall. (Reuters wirephoto)

and defensively but were spurred into attack when they conceded Virdis' goal, scored after a finely-placed free-kick by Gullit.

Maradona urged his side forward and after several dangerous moves Napoli won a free-kick just outside the penalty area. The Argentine scored from his favourite and most productive set-piece, a curling shot to the

right of the defensive wall that had Milan goalkeeper Giovanni Gallini diving in vain.

The San Paolo stadium, where only 1,000 Milan fans were allowed entry for security reasons, erupted in a hail of fireworks, but the jubilation was short lived.

In the second half, Milan, who have been chasing Napoli since the title holders took command

of the First Division in October, looked more determined than ever.

Gullit made their second goal after picking up a loose ball near the halfway line and storming down the pitch before crossing neatly to Virdis, who chipped it into the net.

Minutes later, with all the pressure on the Napoli goal, the

big Dutchman got possession in a goalmouth scramble and knocked the ball to Van Basten, who had come on in the second half to substitute Roberto Donadoni. Van Basten scrambled the ball home.

Napoli desperately counter-attacked, with Careca heading the final goal from a cross by Giordano, but in spite of Milan conceding three corners in the closing minutes of the game, the champions could not find an equaliser.

All now rests on the final two Sundays of the League. Milan still have to meet Juventus at home and slowly come away, while Napoli go to Fiorentina next week and then face Sampdoria at home.

Third-placed Roma, who trail Napoli by an unattainable six points, pulled off a 2-1 home win against Fiorentina with two goals from Giuseppe Giannini. Stedano Reboreto got one back for the Florence side in the second half.

But fourth-placed Sampdoria went down 3-1 at Internazionale and fifth-placed Torino suffered a 2-1 defeat in their local derby against Juventus.

Juventus, producing a late rally after their most disappointing season in recent years, scored through Roberto Tricella and Welsh international Ian Rush, while Torino's goal came from Austrian winger Anton Polster.

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